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自分の過去を知りたがる少年の
〈アナスタシア・レイン〉を
ロシアマフィアに渡そうとする組織。
だが、その時 カムイに
アレクセイのエックスが現れ…と時をかける。
秘められたロマノフ王朝の謎の前に
カムイの運命が試される!

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Characters Introduction and Relationship map

STORY SO FAR

IN PLACE OF HER LATE GRANDFATHER, KAMUI ACCEPTED A TASK FROM SENA THE EASTER EGG THAT SENA HAS, IS IT REAL OR FAKE? REISUKE WHO HAS THE EXACT SAME EASTER EGG INSISTED THAT HIS, IS THE REAL ONE AND WANTED KAMUI TO EXAMINE IT

BELIEVING THAT OTHER SUCH EASTER EGGS EXISTED, KAMUI AND EVERYONE ELSE ALL STARTED THEIR INVESTIGATION HOWEVER THEIR PLAN OF ACTION WAS STOPPED BY AN EASTER EGG COLLECTOR HE BELIEVES THAT THE ONE WHO MANAGED TO GATHER ALL 6 EASTER EGGS WILL THEN INHERITED ROMANOV WEALTH

Tsubaki Kamui

GRAND-DAUGHTER OF TSUBAKI JUUGOROU, ACCLAIMED TO BE THE GENIUS ANTIQUARIAN. SHE LEARNT ALL HER SKILLS FROM HER GRANDFATHER. SHE IS A FIRST YEAR STUDENT IN THE HIGH SCHOOL MANAGED BY YOKA UNIVERSITY.

Sena Takuto

A MYSTERIOUS MAN WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE GRANDSON OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE'S LAST DAUGHTER, ANASTASIA. HE IS A SECOND YEAR STUDENT AT YOKA UNIVERSITY.

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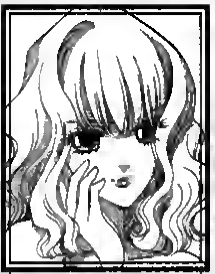
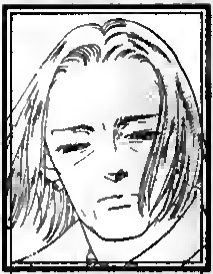
Sumi Reisuke

HE CLAIMS TO BE THE GREAT GRANDSON OF ROMANOV II. HE HAS MARIA'S EASTER EGG



Yuki Natsuki ou autre

SENA'S LOVER. BUT SHE HAS AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE FOR GETTING CLOSE TO SENA.



Princess M

THE ROMANOV ROYAL FAMILY'S LAST DESCENDENT

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LET'S MAKE A DEAL!
"ANASTASIA'S EASTER EGG" HAS BEEN VERIFIED AND PROVEN TO BE THE REAL ONE.
BEING THE POSSESSOR OF THE EGG SHOULDN'T I BE GIVEN AN IDENTITY TOO?
HOSHI IKATSUCHI OU OTTO.
TRANSLATE THAT FOR ME.
YES.

EDITOR'S NOTE: FROM NOW ON WHENEVER THE CHARACTERS ARE SPEAKING RUSSIAN THE TEXT WILL BE IN THIS FONT

WHETHER YOU ARE THE DESCENDENT OF PRINCESS ANASTASIA
OR NOT MEANS NOTHING TO ME.
I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR REWARDS.
HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME?
I HOPE THAT YOU'LL SHOW ME SOME RESPECT
ERIYA MILIUKOV
YOU ARE IN THE JEWELLERY LINE
REGARDLESS OF REAL OR FAKE ITEMS---
I ALSO KNOW---
THE WAY YOU DO BUSINESS IS VERY VICIOUS AND STINGY, AND YOU WERE A GOVERNMENT OFFICER IN RUSSIA BEFORE
IN JAPAN YOU'RE KNOWN AS THE "RUSSIAN GANGSTER"

AND EVEN DOING ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS
HAHAHA!
MOST LIKELY SHE'S FROM ROMANOV OTHER FAMILY.
"M" REPRESENTING "MILLIKOV"
HOSHI!!
I DIDN'T SAY A WORD!
WAY BEFORE WHEN YOU WERE IN RUSSIA ---
YOU WERE FROM THE SOCIALIST GROUP BEFORE THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION
LIKE FOR EXAMPLE--
SIMILAR TO THE PRINCESS WHO STOLE MRS ANDERSON BONE FROM THE LONDON AUCTION -----
ON HER HANDKERCHIEF THERE'S A LETTER "M"
YOU STILL WANT
THE OTHER EASTER EGG?

THE "MARIA EASTER EGG"
THE EMPEROR
HE GAVE OUT 6 EASTER EGGS TO THE EMPRESS AND HIS 5 CHILDREN
THE RUMOR ABOUT THE PERSON WHO CAN COLLECT ALL 6 EGGS WILL INHERIT ROMANOV'S WEALTH------
YOU GO TO THE DRIVER'S SEAT

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE FUNERAL CAR THAT SMASHED INTO THE RUSSIAN RESTAURANT?
YOU BETTER NOT MESS WITH ME.
IF "MARIA EASTER EGG" IS MISSING, THEN YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE, RIGHT?
HOW ABOUT YOU? WHERE'S THE EVIDENCE TO PROOF THAT YOU'RE HOLDING TO THE OTHER EASTER EGG?
SHOW ME THE EVIDENCE.
YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS RIGHT?
A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AND A SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR,
A DEAL WILL CONTAIN SOME LEVEL RISK
TO BOTH PARTIES.

WHAT RE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME IDEA,
BECAUSE WE HAVE A PIT OF A BLOOD RELATIONSHIP

HOSHI,
GIVE THIS TO HIM.
THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY
BEFORE I SAY "OKAY", DON'T EVER REMOVE IT
HOSHI
COVER HIS EYES?

BAKA
WHY ARE YOU SAYING ALL THESE SOMETIMES?
TIMES I THINK THAT YOU'RE VERY NICE TO ME AND ARE ON MY SIDE
WHAT'S YOUR REAL MOTIVE?
OF COURSE IT'S MONEY!
I BELIEVE ONLY HALF OF IT IS TRUE AND THE OTHER HALF IS NOT.
TELL THE TRUTH!
.....

I HAVE BEEN VERY TROUBLED BY THIS SINCE LONG AGO
IS MINE THE REAL THING OR A FAKE?
WHEN MY GRANDFATHER WAS BORN,
HE HAD THE "ANASTASIA EASTER EGG" WITH HIM
LATER IT PASSED DOWN TO MY FATHER WHO PASSED IT DOWN TO ME
THIS IS WHAT THE ADULTS TOLD ME-----
PRINCESS ANASTASIA GAVE BIRTH TO MY GRANDFATHER WHEN SHE WAS ON THE RUN
PRINCESS TURNED THE EASTER EGG INTO A NECKLACE AND HUNG IT ON THE NEWLY BORN BABY
AS AN ITEM TO RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER IN THE FUTURE
THEN SHE LEFT WITH A BROKEN HEART
BUT WHEN I GREW UP I FOUND OUT THE TRUTH
THAT'S JUST A STORY FABRICATED BY THE ADULTS

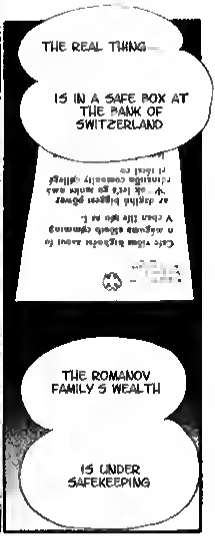
ALL I WANT IS A PRACTICAL SOLUTION.
I CAN GIVE YOU THE "ANASTASIA EASTER EGG" AS PROMISED BEFORE WITHOUT TAKING ANYTHING IN RETURN.
BUT...
IT'S SUCH A TOUCHING STORY,
BUT IT'S JUST A PACK OF LIES!
TO KEEP ON LIVING UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ROMANOV DYNASTY ITEMS,
I HAD ENOUGH OF SUCH A LIFE!

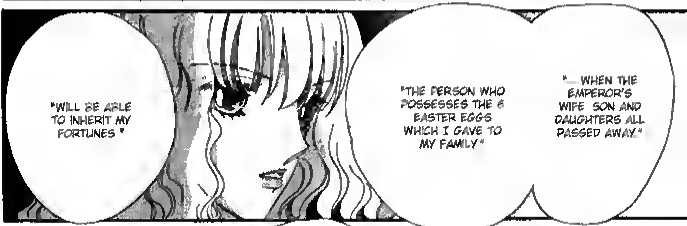
WHEN YOU COLLECT ALL 6 EGGS AND INHERIT THE FORTUNES
I ALSO WANT TO HAVE A SHARE....
BECAUSE I
GAVE YOU 2 OF THEM.
OKAY...
PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES.
SENA.....
A FORTUNE TELLING ROOM?

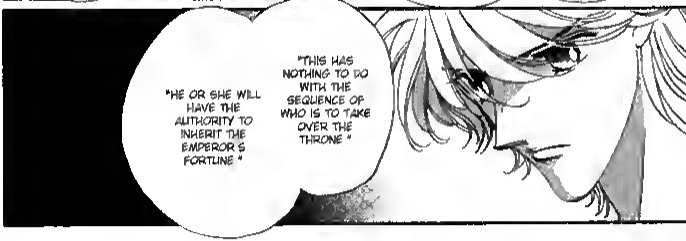
SHE IS MY FORTUNE TELLER
I AGREE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR A SHARE OF THE FORTUNE...
BUT, I CAN ONLY GIVE YOU THIS.
1 OUT OF 20
20%?
AT LEAST
LIKE THIS
NO WAY.

I OUT OF IT?
NO WAY.
I'LL KEEP MY PROMISE.
BUT I DO NOT TOLERATE ANY KIND OF BETRAYAL. OTHERWISE, EVEN IF I HAVE TO RIP YOUR MOUTH APART, I'LL STILL FIND OUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE "MARIA EASTER EGG".
WHEN IT COMES TO THAT——
YOU AND THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU WILL NOT HAVE ANY ADVANTAGE AT ALL
AND THEY COULD EVEN LOSE THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF THIS
I—GOT IT

THIS IS THE WILL OF NICHOLAS II
GERMAN? RUSSIAN?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
HOSHI
TRANSLATE IT FOR HIM


THE REAL THING
IS IN A SAFE BOX AT THE BANK OF SWITZERLAND
THE ROMANOV FAMILY'S WEALTH
IS UNDER SAFEKEEPING


"WILL BE ABLE TO INHERIT MY FORTUNES."
"THE PERSON WHO POSSESSES THE 6 EASTER EGGS WHICH I GAVE TO MY FAMILY"
"... WHEN THE EMPEROR'S WIFE, SON AND DAUGHTERS ALL PASSED AWAY."


"HE OR SHE WILL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INHERIT THE EMPEROR'S FORTUNE."
"THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SEQUENCE OF WHO IS TO TAKE OVER THE THRONE."

ROMANOV EASTER EGG
RECENTLY 2 OF THEM WERE FOUND
2...?
DUE TO FORTUNE TELLING,
THE EMPEROR FOUND OUT THAT
HE AND HIS FAMILY WOULD BE KILLED IN NEAR FUTURE
I CAN SEE FISH
AROUND THE EASTER EGG

FISH ?
"BONES BURIED IN THE TOMPS OF NICHOLAS II ARE FAKES
LAST WEEK RESEARCHERS FROM JAPAN ANNOUNCED SUCH AN ASTONISHING VIEWPOINT AT THE GENES RESEARCH DISCUSSION!"
ONLY SILLY PEOPLE WOULD BE EXCITED BY SUCH NEWS REPORT
HOW AMAZING ..!

SUMI-KUN, CAN I COME OVER TO YOUR HOUSE?
I'M VERY SORRY, KAMUI...
AND IF YOU ASKED ME OUT BECAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT
I'M VERY BUSY
BECAUSE
SINCE LAST TIME I STILL THINK THAT SOMETHING'S MISSING FROM "TATIANA EASTER EGG"
IF I CAN HAVE A LOOK AT "MARIA EASTER EGG", PERHAPS I CAN FIGURE OUT WHERE THE PROBLEM IS
AH!
"BRING YOU TO MY HOUSE"
I WANT TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE "MARIA EASTER EGG"!
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN...

SENA!
LOOK AT THIS NEWS REPORT
!

OH---

PERHAPS YOUR FAST WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE WORLD
IF THE MYTH ABOUT PRINCESS ANASTASIA SURVIVING THE MASSACRE HOLDS,
AREN'T YOU EXCITED?
SO WHAT
IF IT'S RECOGNIZED BY THE WORLD?

PEOPLE WHO ARE RELATED TO THE "TRUTH" ARE DEAD
IN ACTUAL FACT, NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HAD REALLY HAPPENED THEN
IT'S JUST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE ANNOUNCING SOME STORIES THAT ARE BENEFICIAL TO THEM
SO WHAT IF WE'RE RELATED BY BLOOD?
IT'S JUST A FANTASY TO FULFILL ONESELF
SENA...
YOUR EXPRESSION HAS CHANGED
IN THE PAST YOU ALSO WORE THE SUNGLASSES BUT NOW...
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE AN ENTREPRENEUR SWINDLER
HA!
Your Laughter is too exaggerated...
HAHA
IS IT SO...
OH RIGHT, SUMI-KUN

SELL THE "MARIA EASTER EGG" TO THE UNDERWORLD FIGURES OKAY?
3 MILLION YEN,
THE FACT THAT YOU'RE HOLDING ONTO THE EASTER EGG
HAS ALREADY MADE KNOWN TO THE UNDERWORLD FIGURES
DO YOU WANT IT TO BE STOLEN OR YOU TO BE KILLED?
OR TO BE INVOLVED IN SOME INCIDENT?
MY GLASSES
..
!?

TO BE TREATED LIKE A FOOL,
BY A FOOL--
HOW EXASPERATING!!
!
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I CAN'T TAKE!
WEIRD—
SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING'S AMISS

I HAVE...
A VERY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
THOSE THINGS SENA SAID,
I HOPE THAT YOU DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART.
I'M NOT.
KAMUI!
THE "MARIA EASTER EGG"
WHERE IS IT?

THIS IS HOUSE OF SUMI-KUN?
REALLY GO IN THERE?
AH
LOOKS EXACTLY THE SAME
HAHAHA!
I'M BACK
IT'S YOU WHO WANT TO COME ISN'T IT
SORRY TO BE DIS-TURBING YOU GUYS

NO MANNERS AT ALL!
WHY DIDN'T YOU GREET HER?
I'M TSUYAKI KAMUI.
KAWAII!
I AM REITA
I AM REIJIN
ARE YOU SUMI-KUN'S BROTHERS?
YEP!
ARE YOU REISUKE'S "GIRLFRIEND"?
NOPE
Nope.
"REISUKE"?
THEY LOOK SO ALIKE!
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE IDENTICAL TWINS
I'M REFERRING TO SUMI-KUN AND THEM.
"REISUKE" IS OUR BROTHER'S NAME

THIS IS THE FRONT DOOR
THIS IS THE BACK DOOR?
HOW DO I GET IN THERE?
I FOLLOWED THEM OVER.
--- IS THIS THE PLACE?
LOOKS SO OLD
WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO?

GRANNY!
REISUKE BROUGHT A GIRL HOME.
SO RARE...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT HE BROUGHT A GIRL HOME!
HER HAIR IS LIKE REISUKE'S.
AND HER HEIGHT IS SIMILAR TO OURS
.....
PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT?
GREAT!
THERE'S EVEN A WAREHOUSE!

MY LATE GRANDFATHER USED TO SAIL AROUND.
HE BOUGHT A LOT OF THINGS BACK...
AH! BE CAREFUL----
OF YOUR FOOTING.
HUH?
!

SUMI-KUN?
TAKE SEAT!
AH!
SORRY ABOUT THAT
THE "MARIA EASTER EGG"

"PRINCESS MARIA EASTER EGG"...
PLEASE EXCUSE ME
COMPARED TO THE "PRINCESS TATIANA EASTER EGG"...
SEEMS LIKE...
SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT
GO AHEAD
HARD TO COME BY A CHANCE TO COMPARE...
HURRY UP & RECALL! KAMUI...
THE REAL EASTER EGG,
THERE'S NO FABERGE WORKSHOP LOGO...

THAT'S RIGHT...
IS A FAKE, ISN'T IT?
THAT "TATIANA BASTER EGG".
IN OTHER WORDS
THERE'S A LOGO IN IT, RIGHT?
THE "TATIANA BASTER EGG" THAT WE SAW BEFORE,
!
HOW COME YOU ARE HERE...
!
YOU'RE ALSO THINKING OF GIVING AWAY MY EGG...
AND...
YOU MUST BE KIDDING...
REALLY GAVE THAT EGG TO THE GANGSTER?
YOU.
THE OTHER PARTY'S ANTIQUARIAN MADE SUCH CONJECTURE

STOP IT, REISUKE!
UNFORGIVABLE..
EVEN THOUGH HE'S YOUR ENEMY IN LOVE, YOU CANNOT USE VIOLENCE.
HE CAME ALL THE WAY TO OUR HOUSE BECAUSE HE'S WORRIED ABOUT HIS GIRLFRIEND.
FATHER! THAT'S NOT TRUE, THIS GUY...
YOU CANNOT BEHAVE LIKE THAT REISUKE
KAMUI ALSO SAID THAT SHE'S NOT "YOUR GIRLFRIEND"!
BOTH OF THEM ARE NOT "MY BOYFRIEND"
I'M KAMUI AND I'M HERE TO EXAMINE THE EASTER EGG
.....

SO...
I'M REALLY HERE TO CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION.
I'M A PROFESSIONAL CHESS PLAYER
YOU CAN NEVER FOOL SOMEONE WHO TAKES VICTORY AS THEIR PROFESSION
LET ME TEST YOU....
CAN YOU TELL WHETHER THAT DRAWING IS REAL OR FAKE?
THAT'S GREAT
I DON'T WISH TO GET INVOLVED IN A LAWSUIT
AGE GAP IS TOO WIDE...
I AM ALREADY A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT!

NEXT, PLEASE MAKE YOUR CONJECTURE ON THIS ITEM.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?
IT'S A BOX WITH FISH ENGRAVINGS AND IS USED TO CONTAIN THE EASTER EGG
THAT DRAWING IS AN ANTIQUE AND IS MORE THAN 100 YEARS OLD
BY TOUCHING THE PAPER YOU'LL KNOW IT
THIS IS PRINTED
PAPER THAT IS OVER 100 YEARS OLD SHOULD BE THICKER
BECAUSE AT THAT TIME THEY DON'T HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCE SUCH A THIN PIECE OF PAPER
HRM.
THAT'S MY CONJECTURE

TEA IS HERE
THE BLUE GEM ON TOP IS A REAL ONE
ITS SURFACE IS MADE OF SILVER THAT HAS BEEN SMOKED BY SULPHUR.
FRENCH STYLE PICTURE IS THE DESIGN SPECIALTY.
---- IN THAT CASE.
.....
ON THE COVER THERE S AN ITALY SILVERWARE LOGO
ANGEVIN CASTLE PRODUCTION

I THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD HAVE GOT IT RIGHT!
AFTER HEARING HALF OF YOUR EXPLANATION,
YOU'RE WRONG!
YEAR OF PRODUCTION SHOULD BE AFTER 1925!
IT'S BEFORE 1925!
VERY SORRY, I CAN SPECIFICALLY POINT OUT THE YEAR OF PRODUCTION FOR THIS BOX
BECAUSE
THIS WAS GIVEN TO MY FATHER
BY ONE OF THE RUSSIAN PRESTIGE FAMILY
WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION IN 1918!
THIS IS BEFORE NICHOLAS II WAS KILLED.
HE SENT SOMEONE TO PASS IT TO HIS ILLEGITIMATE SON IN JAPAN --- AND THAT IS MY FATHER AS A MEMENTO

ARE JUST A PACK OF LIES.
THOSE WORDS
MY FATHER TOLD ME THIS MANY TIMES.
DEFINITELY NOT!
DID HE CHANGE THE BOX.
THAT'S STRANGE
---AS FOR THAT I DON'T KNOW
BEFORE MY TIME IS UP
IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT I SHOULD TELL YOU THIS
GRANDFATHER PASSED AWAY 10 YEARS AGO
IS ALSO FALSE?
DON'T TELL ME THAT THE STORY ABOUT FATHER BEING NICHOLAS II ILLEGITIMATE SON.
MOTHER!
WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?
WHAT
WHAT

AT THAT TIME IN NAGASAKI, GRANDFATHER WAS ONE OF THOSE RARE PEOPLE ---
CAUCASIAN AND JAPANESE
"I AM THE SON OF KING OF RUSSIA"
"THE RUSSIANS WILL USE CANNONS TO BOMB ANYONE WHO BULLIES ME"
BUT HIS MOTHER ALSO DIDN'T KNOW WHO HIS FATHER WAS?
THIS WAS SO COMMON AT THAT TIME.
AND THERE'S NO NEED TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH
AFTER KNOWING THE WHOLE STORY,
THIS IS WHAT YOUR GRANDFATHER TOLD ME.
EVERY TIME WHEN HE WAS BULLIED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS
HIS MOTHER WHO WAS A GEISHA WOULD ASK HIM TO TELL THE KIDS THIS.

HE WENT TO SHANGHAI FOR A BUSINESS TRIP
NOT LONG AFTER YOU WERE BORN,
"BY CLAIMING TO BE THE SON OF NICHOLAS II,"
"THIS COULD BE PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR A CAUCASIAN TO SURVIVE IN SUCH A DIFFICULT TIME."
HE RETURNED WITH THIS EASTER EGG HE TOLD ME THAT HE EXCHANGED IT WITH HIS SHANGHAI PEARL SHOP...
AFTER THAT,
HE DIDN'T CLEAR THINGS UP TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TROUBLE
AND TO GIVE THIS TO THE NEWBORN CHILD AS A FAMILY HEIRLOOM,
PROVING THAT THEY'RE THE IMMEDIATE GRANDSONS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
. . .
INDEED.....
.....

GRANNY, UNCLE
PLEASE SELL THAT EASTER EGG TO ME!
3 MILLION...
NO I'LL PAY YOU 4 MILLION YEN!

SENA.....
THIS IS THE NUISANCE THAT WILL COME TO US.
MY GRANDFATHER'S RIGHT
SUMI-KUN.....

YOUR BROTHERS AND FAMILY---
AND ALSO KAMUI..
YOU ...
SHOULD HAVE SOMEONE THAT YOU WANT TO PROTECT, DON'T YOU?!
WHEN THOSE PEOPLE COME LOOKING FOR YOU...

STOP BEING SO STUBBORN!
THOSE GUYS WILL REALLY COME AFTER THIS EASTER EGG.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT THEM!
YOU IDIOT,
COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH HIT HURTS WHEN YOUR DIGNITY HAS BEEN COMPROMISED ...
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU HAD NO DIGNITY TO BEGIN WITH!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
UNCLE, PLEASE STOP THEM!
.....

YOU AND I,
ARE ALIKE!
THE REASON WHY OUR PARENTS CAST A SPELL ON THEIR CHILDREN IS TO PROTECT THEM,
FROM THE PAIN OF THIS WORLD ...
THAT'S WHY THEY MADE IT SUCH A BIG LIE.
BUT,
WHEN THE LIES ARE EXPOSED AND YOU NO LONGER NEED SUCH LIES,
EVERYTHING BECOMES A LAUGHING JOKE!

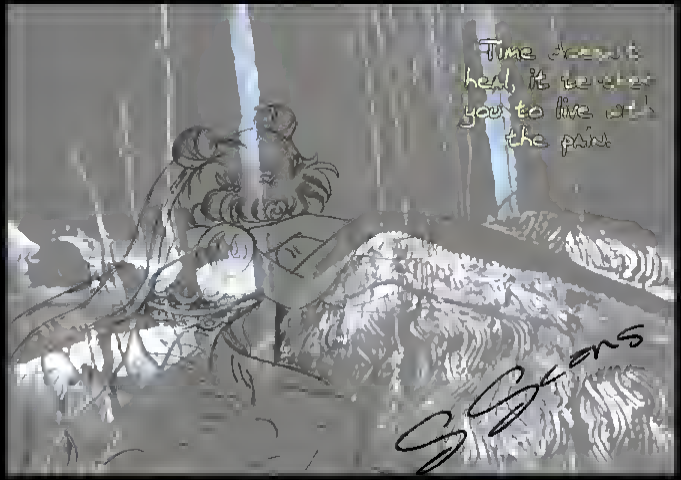
HAVING THE KIDS AS OUR FAMILY HEIRLOOM WILL DO
REITA AND REIJIN SCHOOL FEES WILL BE SETTLED
IN THIS CASE..
SOLD 5 MILLION YEN
FATHER .....
HRM..
ISN'T IT SO?
.....
HAHA!

ONE MORE
PUNCH...

YEP.
OF COURSE THEY PAID
THE OTHER PARTY REALLY PAID SUMI FAMILY THE 5 MILLION YEN?
WHAT'S WRONG??
THEY REALLY SOLD OFF THE ROYAL FAMILY EASTER EGG----
SUMI-KUN AND PROFESSOR DANICHI KOU
ARE SO DEPRESSED THAT THEY DIDN'T TURN UP IN SCHOOL

THAT KIND OF THING IS USELESS IN OUR HANDS
THERE ARE 2 MORE LEFT...
THE REAL "TATIANA EASTER EGG"
AND "ALEXIS EASTER EGG"...
HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND THEM?
I'M SO...
THERE S ONLY 1 MORE LEFT
HOSHI...
THE REAL "TATIANA EASTER EGG"
HAS ALREADY APPEARED IN THE NEW YORK AUCTION

"FISHES"!!
NOW ALL S LEFT IS THE "ALEXIS EASTER EGG"
IT WAS FOUND IN A RUSSIAN SHIP
IN SEA OF OKHOTSK
OF COURSE IT'S MR. MILLIKOV WHO BOUGHT IT.
HE ONLY PAID 1 MILLION YEN FOR IT.
WHY?
NO ONE EXAMINED IT?
HOW CAN THAT BE?
BECAUSE IT SUNK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA 30 YEARS AGO.
THE PRESERVATION WAS VERY BAD.


Time doesn't heal, it teaches you to live with the pain.

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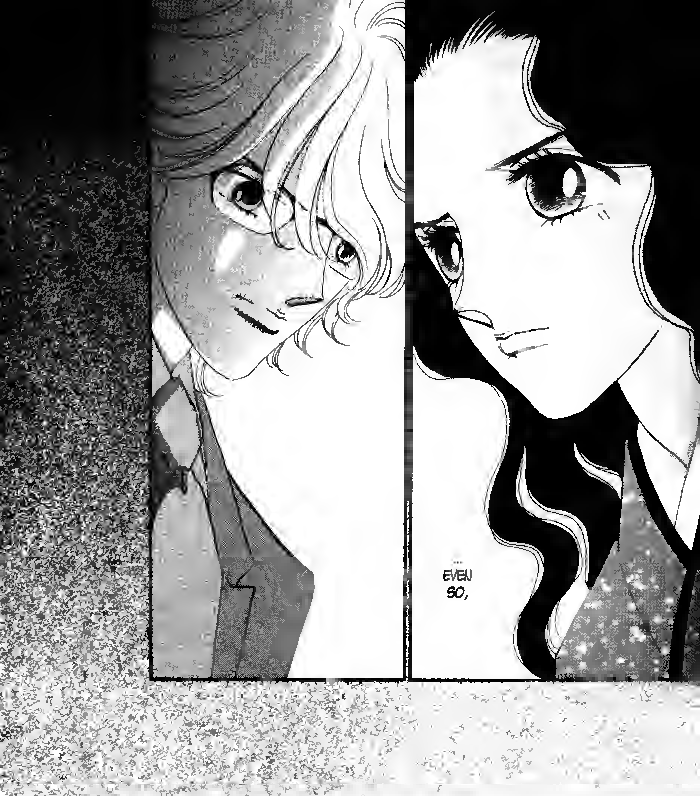
THESE ARE ALL
LAND-SCAPES OF NORTHERN SIBERIA!
MOUNTAIN RANGES
LAKE BAIKAL?
LET ME HAVE A LOOK TOO
WHAT'RE THE MEANING OF THESE?
IF KAMUI'S GREAT GRAND-FATHER WAS MURDERED BECAUSE OF THESE DRAWINGS
THAT MEANS
FINLA
SOVIET
I REMEMBER THAT THERE IS GOLD, SILVER AND DIA-MONDS,
"NORTH-ERN SI-BERIA"
MAG
"PURE GOLD"
IAKOU
ALMOST EVERY TYPE OF ELE-MENT CAN BE FOUND THERE
SVERDLOVSK
THERE ARE RUMORS THAT UNDER-NEATH SIBERIA,
RUSSIAN FEDERATIO
LIES HALF THE WORLD'S UNDERGROUND RESOURCES
LAC BAIKAL
KAZAKH
OULAN-OUDE
CHINE
YOU REALLY KNOW A LOT
OULAN-BATOR
MONGOLIE
IRAN

CAN YOU LET ME BRING THIS BACK TO THE UNIVERSITY,
AND EXAMINE THE CONTENTS
MY THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE IS WORKING UP
"PURE GOLD"?
THAT'S BECAUSE I STUDIED IN THE FACULTY OF WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORICAL STUDIES
BUT, WHY DID ALL THE RUSSIAN EASTER EGGS END UP IN JAPAN
I WANT TO FIGURE OUT ITS MEANING
WITH REGARDS TO THAT, THERE'S A VERY SOUND REASON
DURING THE REVOLUTION
PROFESSOR
SENA

SENA, THIS IS FOR YOU.
YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH IT.
I HAVE TO FOLLOW MY GRANDFATHER'S INSTRUCTIONS.
WAIT... WAIT A MINUTE
THAT'S RIGHT!
IF YOU GIVE IT TO HIM,
HE'LL DEFINITELY TURN IT OVER TO THE RUSSIAN MAFIA.
THAT'S DEFYING THE WISH OF ANASTASIA!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THE RUSSIAN PRINCE'S, ALEXIS EASTER EGG
HIDDEN DEEP INSIDE, THE SMALLEST FORM OF A "SURPRISE"
REGARDLESS OF SHAPE OR COLORS,
IT WILL DEFINITELY BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE PREVIOUS EGGS THAT WERE FOUND BEFORE
THIS IS KAMUI'S IMAGINATION

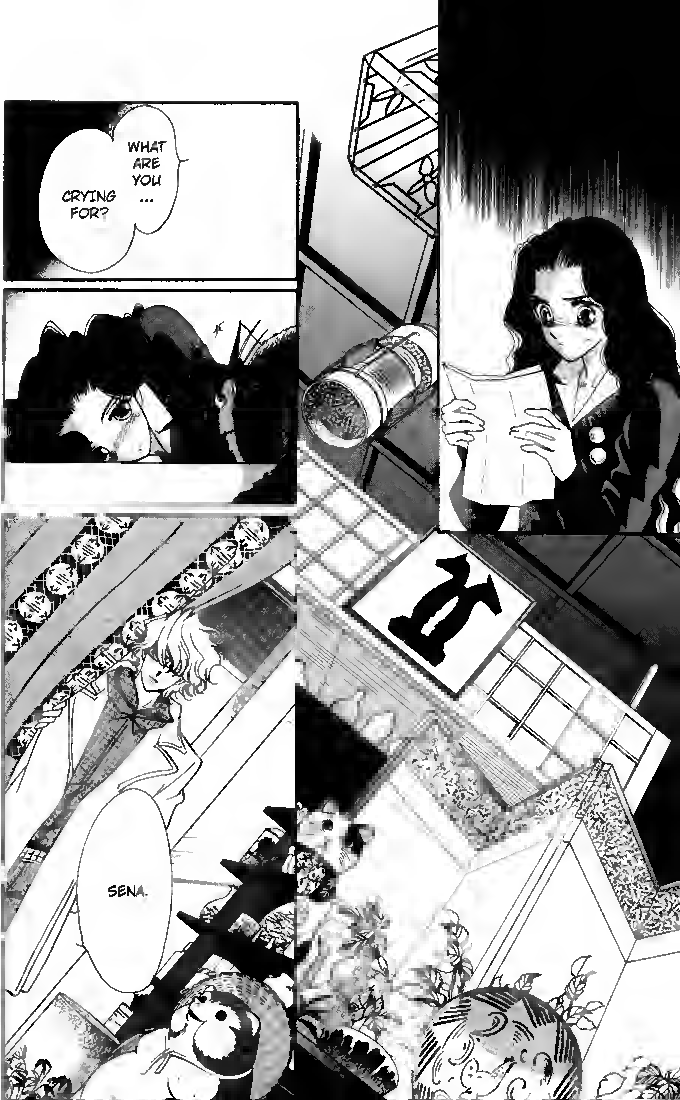
TICK TICK
TICK TICK
PIKU
I'M SO CURIOUS
NEOW
MYTH HAS IT, THAT, IT HID A PLEASANT SURPRISE THAT WOULD MAKE YOUR BREATH CAUGHT IN YOUR THROAT
ALEXIS'S "ROYAL EASTER EGG." WHAT
WHAT DOES IT LOOKS LIKE
KAMUI!
HOW DOES IT LOOK ...

IN THE PAST, I'VE BEEN VERY INDECISIVE
BUT, I'VE MADE MY DECISION!
STARTING THIS SPRING, I'LL SELL THE "TSUYAKI" ANTIQUE SHOP...
THE ONE THAT GRANDFATHER LEFT BEHIND!
...
THE "SURPRISE" HAS FINALLY APPEARED.
IT'S COMING SOON ...
SEEMS LIKE IT'S WRAPPED IN A CLOTH OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
WHAT KIND OF CLOTH?

IF I GET HOLD OF THAT LAST "SURPRISE",
ALL THE EGGS WILL BE COMPLETE
ME, A MEMBER OF THE ROMANOV FAMILY,
WILL BE ABLE TO INHERIT THE ROMANOV FORTUNE ...
WHAT KIND OF CLOTH IS USED TO WRAP IT?
OLD ...
TRADITIONAL ..
IT SEEMS LIKE A JAPANESE KIMONO ...
A KIMONO!
ALEXIS'S "SURPRISE" IS ALSO REALLY IN JAPAN?
WHAT DOES THE "SURPRISE" LOOK LIKE?
SHAPE? COLOR? SIZE?
VERY VERY SMALL ...
IT SPARKLES WITH 7 COLORS OF LIGHT ...
AND IT'S SHAPE CHANGES CONSTANTLY ...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU!
THUMP

SINCE THE LAST FORTUNE-TELLING READING
3 MONTHS HAVE PASSED
WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND ANY CLUES.
ERIYA IS GETTING IMPATIENT AND THROWING TEMPERS AND I'M ONE OF THE VICTIMS!
IT'S SO ANNOYING
IT'S NOT EASY TO BE A MISTRESS!
MIND YOUR MANNERS
PLEASE ADDRESS ME AS A FEMALE SPY.
NOPE
HAVE YOU FOUND ANY CLUES YET?
BUT, IT'LL BE SOON

Tsuvaki
House
Of
Antiques
FROM THE VERY BEGINNING YOU'VE BEEN OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF SELLING THIS PLACE!
NO WAY!
THAT'S BECAUSE GRANDFATHER JUST PASSED AWAY!
TO ME, THIS PLACE BELONGS TO GRANDFATHER!
DEFINITELY NO!
PA-TA
LISTEN UP!
NO MATTER HOW YOU MUCH YOU TREASURE GRANDFATHER'S STUFF
THIS SHOP BELONGS TO ME
THE ONLY THINGS THAT HE LEFT YOU, ARE THE THINGS IN THE SHOP ONLY!
THIS WAS CLEARLY STATED IN GRANDFATHER'S WILL!
WILL?

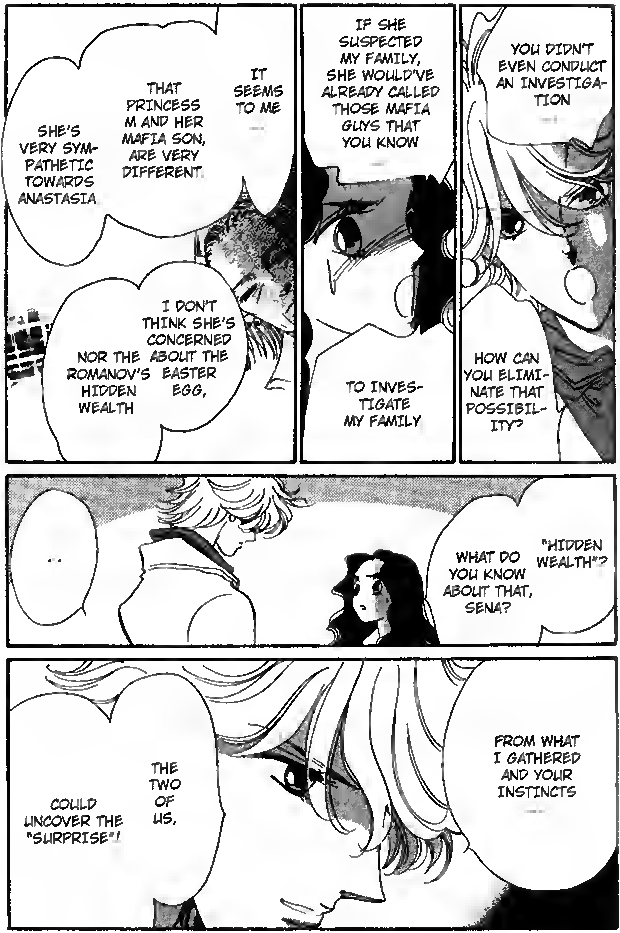

WHAT ARE YOU ... CRYING FOR?
SENA.

OH
SO YOU NEED TO PAY A LARGE SUM OF TAXES?
YOU CAN'T BLAME YOUR FATHER FOR HIS ACTIONS
THEN JUST CONTINUE WITH THE BUSINESS!
KAMUI'LL TAKE OVER THE LINE
YOU'RE STILL A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, RIGHT?
ALL?
JUST SELL EVERYTHING IN THE SHOP AND YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY THE TAXES
SELL EVERYTHING TO ERIYA
FOR EXAMPLE
HE'S VERY WILLING TO BUY IT

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?
AH ...
SO YOU CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME?
PISH
I DON'T WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN YOUR PLANS AGAIN!
I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ROMANOV ROYAL EASTER EGGS NOW ...
OOH YES YOU ARE, YOU & THE EGG ARE CLOSELY RELATED
THIS ...
"SURPRISE", TO YOU ...

PRINCESS M,
WANTED ME TO BRING MRS ANDERSON'S BONES HERE AND LOOK FOR MR TSUYAKI JUUGOROU
IT'S TO PROVE THAT MRS ANDERSON WAS THE PRINCESS ANASTASIA
THAT'S BECAUSE YOUR GRANDFATHER WAS THE FINEST OF ANTIQUARIANS IN THE WORLD
AT THAT TIME,
DON'T YOU THINK THAT THERE'S ANOTHER MEANING?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
BUT
WHAT IF THERE'S A HIDDEN MEANING?

I SUSPECT THAT,
KAMUI'S GRANDFATHER MAY BE HOLDING ON TO THE "SURPRISE".
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THE PRINCESS,
MIGHT HAVE HAD THE SAME FEELING, SO THAT'S WHY SHE ASKED ME TO COME HERE,
BUT... YOUR GRANDFATHER HAD PASSED AWAY...
HOW CAN THAT BE?!
WHY NOT?


IT SEEMS TO ME
THAT PRINCESS M AND HER MAFIA SON, ARE VERY DIFFERENT.
SHE'S VERY SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS ANASTASIA
I DON'T THINK SHE'S CONCERNED ABOUT THE EASTER EGG,
NOR THE ROMANOV'S HIDDEN WEALTH
IF SHE SUSPECTED MY FAMILY, SHE WOULD'VE ALREADY CALLED THOSE MAFIA GUYS THAT YOU KNOW
TO INVESTIGATE MY FAMILY
YOU DIDN'T EVEN CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION
HOW CAN YOU ELIMINATE THAT POSSIBILITY?
..
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT, SENA?
"HIDDEN WEALTH"?
FROM WHAT I GATHERED AND YOUR INSTINCTS
THE TWO OF US,
COULD UNCOVER THE "SURPRISE"!

HOW ABOUT GIVING IT A TRY?
LET'S GO BACK TO THE TIMES WHEN THERE WAS ONLY THE TWO OF US.
HOW
CAN THAT BE ?

"YOU CAN SEE FISH NEXT TO THE EASTER EGG"
THAT'S WHAT THE FORTUNE TELLER SAID, RIGHT?
"WRAPPED IN A JAPANESE KIMONO",
"SPARKLES WITH 7 COLORS OF LIGHT",
"IT'S SHAPE CHANGES CONSTANTLY"...?
WHAT KIND OF CLUES ARE THESE?
"MARIA'S EASTER EGG" IS IN THE BOX WITH THE FISH-SHAPED CARVING.
"TATIANA'S EASTER EGG" WAS FOUND IN THE SEA OF OKHOTSK.
BOTH OF THOSE MATCHED HER PREVIOUS PREDICTIONS.
...
YOU BELIEVE IN THAT?
IT CAN ONLY BE TAKEN AS ONE OF THE THINGS,
THAT CAN TIP US OFF

NOPE
HOW ABOUT KAMUI'S INSTINCT...
HAS IT STARTED WORKING?
LET'S START WITH ORGANIZING THE HISTORY!
THE ROMANOV ROYAL FAMILY WAS MASSACRED IN 1918.
HOW OLD WAS YOUR GRANDFATHER THEN?
...SIX YEARS OLD.
IN THAT CASE... IT SEEMS LIKE HE COULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN THE "SURPRISE" FROM ALEXIS HIMSELF.
COULD IT BE SOMEONE SNATCHED THE EGG FROM ALEXIS,
THEN PASSED IT TO HIM?
WHEN THE REVOLUTION,
WAS AT THE HEIGHT OF ITS PEAK, SOMEONE STOLE THE "SURPRISE" AND SECRETLY SMUGGLED IT OUT OF RUSSIA!
USING WHAT METHOD TO SNEAK IT OUT

THE PERSON WHO WAS CLOSEST TO SICKLY ALEXIS . WAS ANASTASIA
HER AGE WAS CLOSE TO ALEXIS'S AND SHE WAS VERY MISCHIEVOUS.
AND, THE "SURPRISE" USED TO BE KEPT INSIDE
ANASTASIA'S EGG
ANASTASIA MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED THE MASSACRE.
AND FOUND HER WAY FROM EUROPE TO
AMERICA

AMERICA
KAMUI?
TSUYAKI

CREAK
TAP
TAP
TAP
KAMUI'S COMPUTER HAS FINALLY STARTED?
MAYBE IT COULD BE
—

1922, MRS ANDERSON CLAIMED TO BE PRINCESS ANASTASIA.
EVEN THOUGH WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE COURT'S ATTENTION, THEY STILL COULDN'T VERIFY WHETHER SHE WAS THE REAL ANASTASIA.
FROM THE DAY SHE GOT MARRIED IN 1968 TO THE DAY SHE PASSED AWAY, SHE SPENT 18 YEARS IN AMERICA
SHE MUST HAVE COLLECTED A LOT OF FURNITURE WITH ROMANOV SYMBOLS,
UNTIL THE DAY SHE PASSED AWAY.
GRAND-FATHER HAD BEEN ASKED TO GO TO AMERICA TO CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION.
DURING THE 70S, HE HAD BEEN TO AMERICA 3 TIMES
IN THE PAST, AIRPLANE TICKETS WERE VERY EXPENSIVE; HENCE MY GRAND-FATHER WOULD KEEP ALL THE TICKETS
WASHINGTON
Charlottesville
Richmond
HE LANDED AT WASHINGTON'S RICHMOND
MRS ANDERSON LIVED NEAR THE CHARLOTTES-VILLE AIRPORT
COULD THEY HAVE MET BECAUSE OF THE EXAMINATION PROCESS...?

AND AT THAT TIME, SHE COULD'VE GIVEN HIM THE "SURPRISE"?
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
HOW COULD SHE HAVE GIVEN GRANDFATHER SUCH A PRECIOUS ITEM?
DON'T PEOPLE USUALLY PASS THEIR MOST TREASURED POSSESSIONS,
TO THE PEOPLE WHO'RE CLOSEST TO THEM?
JUST LIKE ANASTASIA GAVE THE EASTER EGG TO HER SON,
WHO PASSED IT TO SENA ...
WHAT ABOUT KAMUI'S GRANDFATHER?

GRANDFATHER ...
LEFT SOME-THING FOR KAMUI?
THIS CABINET
A DESK-TOP MIR-ROR.
A SET OF LITEN-SILS.
20 SETS OF KIMO-NOS ...
ALL ARE DOWRY-RELATED ITEMS.
SEEMS LIKE HE HOPED FOR YOU TO GET MARRIED, INSTEAD OF BECOMING AN ANTIQUA-RIAN ...
KAMUI?

IT'S DANGEROUS, LET ME DO IT ...
I REMEMBER THAT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE HERE
IT'S WRITTEN ON GRANDFATHER'S WILL
"THE ANTIQUE SHOP WILL BE GIVEN TO MY ELDEST SON,
BUT IF THE SHOP WERE TO BE SOLD ..."

"ALL THE ANTIQUES WILL GOES TO KAMUI"
"THE ANTIQUES LEFT FOR KAMUI CAN BE SOLD OR GIVEN TO OTHER PEOPLE.
BUT ..."
WHAT?

WHAT IS IT?
THERE'S AN ITEM, IF I WERE TO GIVE AWAY THAT ITEM, THERE'S A STRANGE CONDITION THAT NEEDS TO BE FULFILLED ...
THIS IS THE ONE!!

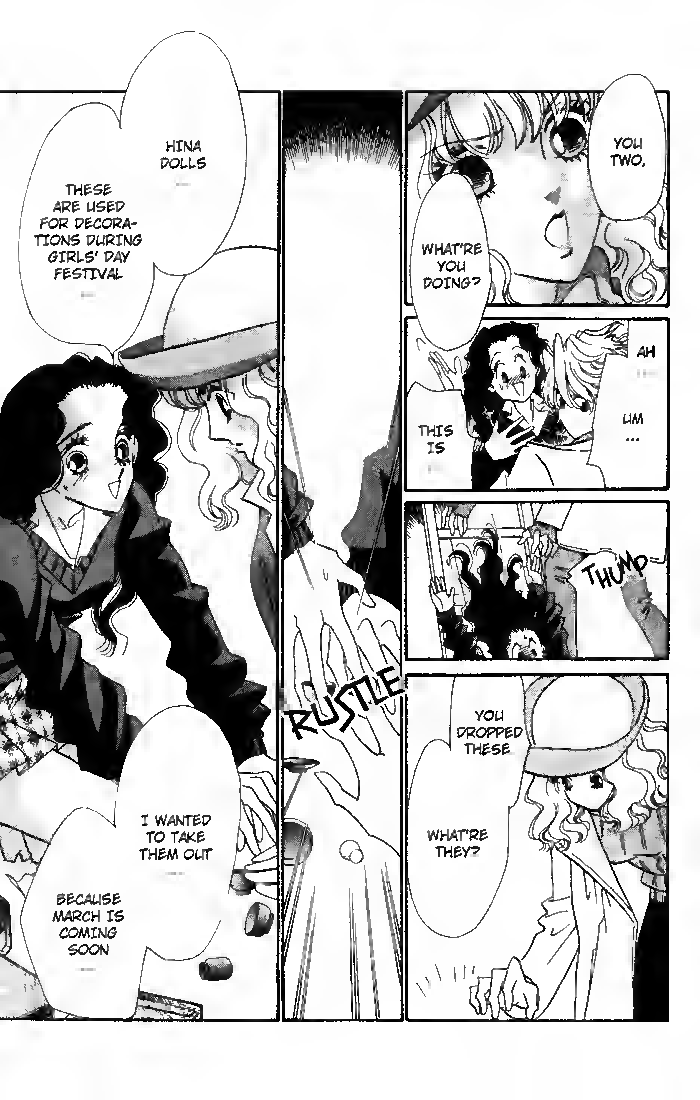
"AFTER I PASS AWAY
IF SOMEONE BROUGHT ALONG AN ITEM TO CONTAIN "THIS" "
"ACCORDING TO KAMUI'S JUDGMENTAL SKILL,
IF KAMUI THINKS THAT THIS PERSON IS TRUSTWORTHY,"
"GIVE "THIS" TO HIM
I TRUST KAMUI'S JUDGMENT"

TRUST KAMUI'S JUDGMENT
...
GIVE ME
...
LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND

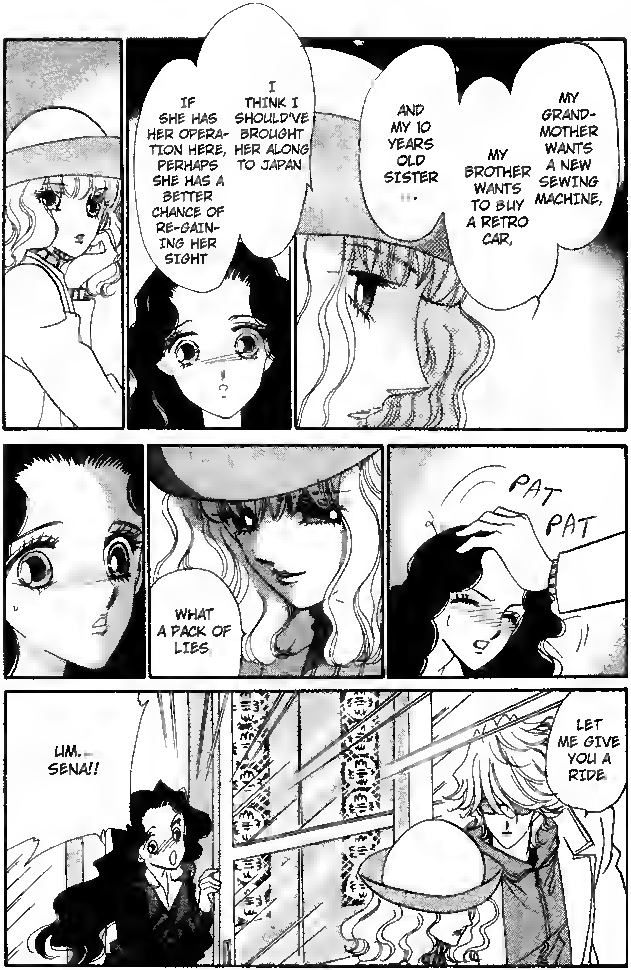
THE
BOX
...
SWISH
!
SLIP
PA
PA
PA
PA
THUMP

THUD
AH
...
HEY, THAT'S A VERY IMPOR-TANT BOX!
THEN WHY DID YOU REACH OUT FOR ME, INSTEAD OF FOR THE BOX
...
ERM
...

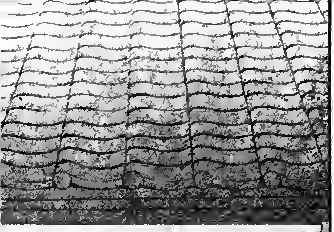
HOSHI

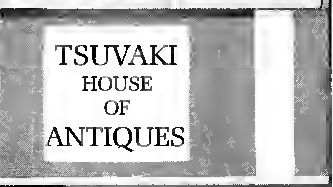

YOU TWO,
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
AH
UM ...
THIS IS
THUMP
YOU DROPPED THESE
WHAT'RE THEY?
RUSTLE
HINA DOLLS
THESE ARE USED FOR DECORATIONS DURING GIRLS' DAY FESTIVAL
I WANTED TO TAKE THEM OUT
BECAUSE MARCH IS COMING SOON

PERHAPS THE SAME AS YOU
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
WHEN I FIND IT, I THINK I'LL TAKE IT AND ESCAPE
SHUFFLE
"SURPRISE".
I ALREADY SEARCHED ALL OF THE PLACES THAT I COULD THINK OF, EXCEPT HERE
BECAUSE I NEED THE MONEY
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


I THINK I SHOULD'VE BROUGHT HER ALONG TO JAPAN
IF SHE HAS HER OPERATION HERE, PERHAPS SHE HAS A BETTER CHANCE OF RE-GAINING HER SIGHT
?
AND MY 10 YEARS OLD SISTER ...
MY BROTHER WANTS TO BUY A RETRO CAR,
MY GRANDMOTHER WANTS A NEW SEWING MACHINE,
WHAT A PACK OF LIES
PAT PAT
LIM... SENA!!
LET ME GIVE YOU A RIDE

NEXT WEEK I'M HAVING A PARTY FOR GIRLS' DAY FESTIVAL.
ANASTASIA CLUB MEMBERS WILL ALL BE AT MY HOUSE
THAT DAY
I'LL DISPLAY THE SET OF HINA DOLLS,
THAT MY GRANDFATHER GAVE ME SO YOU MUST COME AND SEE THEM!
THERE'RE SOME SUSPICIOUS POINTS,
THAT WE CAN INVESTIGATE TOGETHER!
OK!
HOSHI MUST COME TOO!
SINCE IT'S GIRLS' DAY FESTIVAL




TSUVAKI
HOUSE
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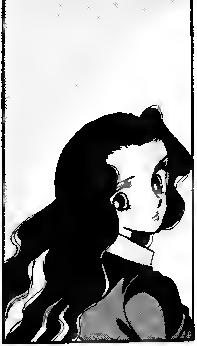
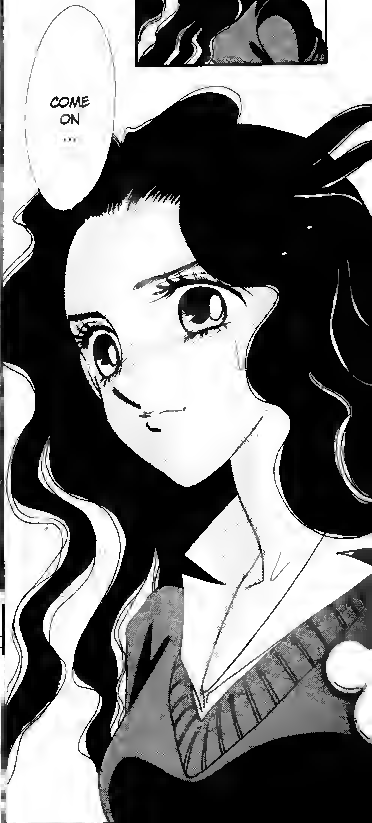
FROM NOW ONWARDS, WILL START SEARCHING FOR THE "SURPRISE"
TSUVAKI KAMUI




COME ON ...

AH
ANYONE AROUND?
WE'RE HERE TO CELEBRATE GIRLS' DAY FESTIVAL ...
WAH
VERY BEAUTIFUL, IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL
THESE DOLLS.
IT'S GREAT! THIS IS MY FIRST TIME CELEBRATING GIRLS' DAY FESTIVAL.
WELCOME, WELCOME!
It's okay! It doesn't matter

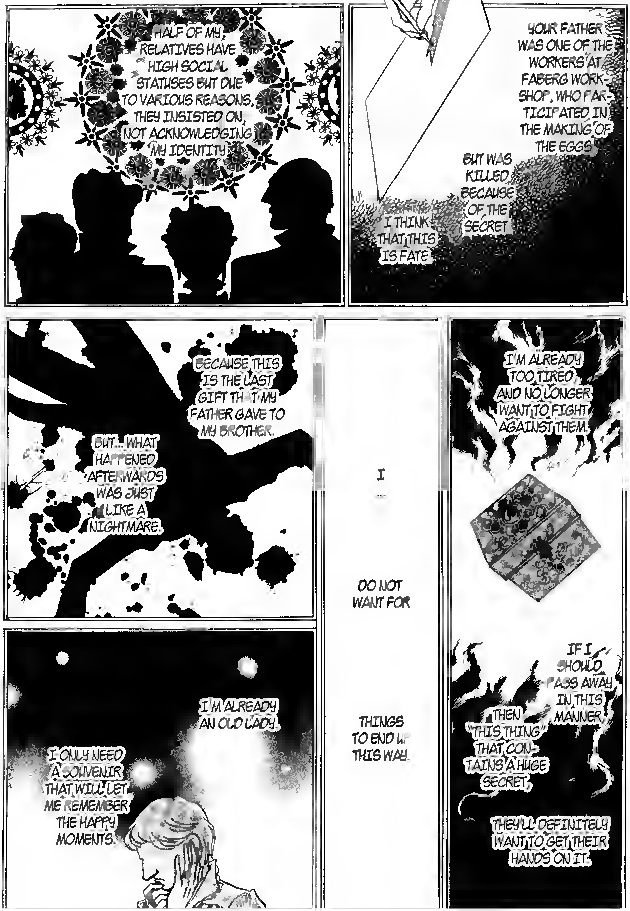
I'm not referring to the dolls
How frustrating
Everyone's only looking at the Hina Dolls
Uhmph Uhmph
SO
BEAUTIFUL
HUH!
THANK YOU
LIM
GIVE ME ANOTHER CUP PLEASE
THIS WINE IS SO SWEET
YOU LOOK SO MUCH LIKE MY SISTER!
SHE HAS A HIGH FOREHEAD TOO
AND A PAIR OF BEAUTIFUL EYES
OH YEAH WHERE'S SENA?
KAMUI!
SQUEEZE
Are you drunk?
SO CUTE

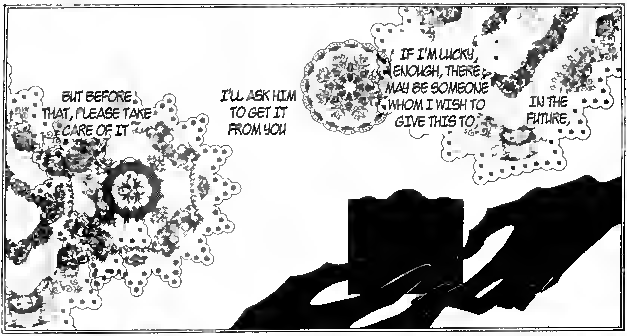
UM, HOSHI
STARE
THE FLOWER PRINTS ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL.
TAP
THANK YOU FOR TODAY'S INVITATION.

THE REASON WHY I INVITED ALL OF YOU HERE TODAY WAS TO SHOW YOU,
...
THE "SURPRISE".
NOW,
IT'S IN INSIDE THE HINA DOLLS DISPLAY.

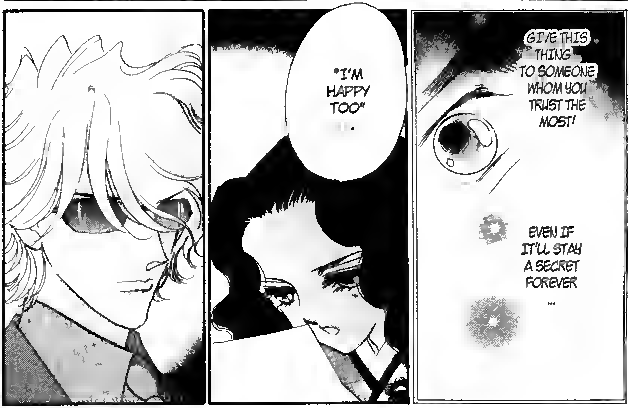
SILENCE ...
PLEASE!
THIS IS JUST MY CONJECTURE
MRS. ANDERSON GAVE THE "SURPRISE" TO MY GRANDFATHER SO HE COULD KEEP IT SAFE
THIS LETTER IS THE EVIDENCE
ARE YOU SURE ...?
HOW CAN THAT BE POSSIBLE ..
WHERE IS IT ...?
HOW DO WE TAKE IT?

I FOUND THIS LETTER IN THE BOX THAT CONTAINS THE "SURPRISE".
THERE'S A SIMPLE HIDDEN COMPARTMENT IN THE BOX
IT'S A LETTER FROM MRS ANDERSON ADDRESSED TO MY GRANDFATHER
I SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON THE TRANSLATION,
THE GENERAL MEANING IS LIKE THIS
I'M GOING TO READ IT OUT LOUD.
"SOME TIME AGO, WHEN YOU CAME TO CHARLOTTESVILLE,
I WANTED TO GIVE THIS TO YOU FOR SAFEKEEPING, BUT YOU DECLINED TO DO SO.
BUT I STILL FEEL THAT IF IT'S IN YOUR HANDS
THAT WOULD BE FOR THE BEST."


HALF OF MY RELATIVES HAVE HIGH SOCIAL STATUSES BUT DUE TO VARIOUS REASONS, THEY INSISTED ON NOT ACKNOWLEDGING MY IDENTITY.
YOUR FATHER WAS ONE OF THE WORKERS AT FABERGÉ WORKSHOP, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MAKING OF THE EGGS.
BUT WAS KILLED BECAUSE OF THE SECRET.
I THINK THAT THIS IS FATE.
BECAUSE THIS IS THE LAST GIFT THAT MY FATHER GAVE TO MY BROTHER.
BUT... WHAT HAPPENED AFTERWARDS WAS JUST LIKE A NIGHTMARE.
I
DO NOT WANT FOR
THINGS TO END UP THIS WAY.
I'M ALREADY TOO TIRED AND NO LONGER WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST THEM.
IF I SHOULD PASS AWAY IN THIS MANNER,
THEN "THIS THING" THAT CONTAINS A HUGE SECRET,
THEY'LL DEFINITELY WANT TO GET THEIR HANDS ON IT.
I'M ALREADY AN OLD LADY.
I ONLY NEED A SOUVENIR THAT WILL LET ME REMEMBER THE HAPPY MOMENTS.


BUT BEFORE THAT, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT
I'LL ASK HIM TO GET IT FROM YOU
IF I'M LUCKY ENOUGH, THERE MAY BE SOMEONE WHOM I WISH TO GIVE THIS TO IN THE FUTURE.

WHEN THAT TIME COMES
AND YOU KNOW THAT YOUR DEATH IS APPROACHING,
IF SUCH PERSON DOESN'T APPEAR BEFORE I PASS AWAY!

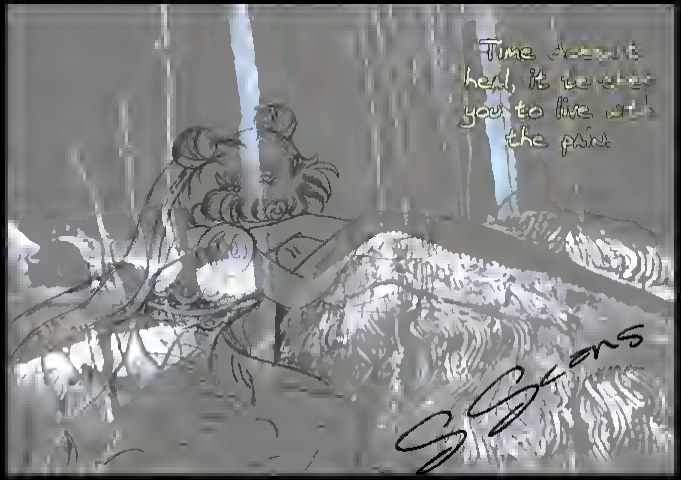

"I'M HAPPY TOO"
GIVE THIS THING TO SOMEONE WHOM YOU TRUST THE MOST!
EVEN IF IT'LL STAY A SECRET FOREVER ...

MY FAMILY ONLY TOLD ME THAT MY GREAT GRAND-FATHER PASSED AWAY DUE TO SOME INCIDENT.
KAMUI'S GREAT GRANDFA-THER WAS KILLED, BECAUSE OF THE EASTER EGG?
DURING THE 30'S, HE TRAVELED TO RUSSIA AND WORKED THERE AS AN ACCESSORY DESIGNER.
HE WAS VERY GOOD AT DRAWING IN THE JAPANESE STYLE AND HIS DRAWINGS WERE VERY ACCURATE.
BUT I CHECKED WITH MY FATHER.
IN THE PAST, I NEVER KNEW THAT HE WORKED AT FABERG'S WORKPLACE.
BUT, IT HAP-PENED IN RUS-SIA.
IN THAT CASE ... THE "SUR-PRISE" ...
IS RE...LLY WITH YOU?
WHERE IS IT?

THESE HINA DOLLS,
MY GRAND-FATHER GATHERED THEM ONE BY ONE FOR ME
THEY'RE VERY SPECIAL TO ME
SINCE I WAS YOUNG, I'VE BEEN PLAYING WITH THEM
TOGETHER WITH THE ANTIQUES AND THE TOYS,
FOR EXAMPLE
THIS NOSE BOTTLE,
IT'S USED TO CONTAIN SOME MEDICA-TION FOR THE NOSE,
BUT ISN'T THE DESIGN CUTE?
THIS IS A CON-TAINER FOR MEDICINE
"DELICATE DRAGONFLY",
BUT THE MOST SPE-CIAL ONE ..
WHICH IS ALSO THE ONE WHICH I LIKE MOST

WHAT?
IS THIS
ALTHOUGH IT'S VERY SMALL IN SIZE
WHEN YOU LOOK THROUGH IT,
IT WORKS LIKE A FLOWER TELESCOPE

IT'S MADE OF PURE GOLD ...
INSIDE THERE ARE A LOT OF DRAWINGS OF RUSSIAN LANDSCAPES.
THE PERSON, WHO DREW THOSE LANDSCAPES,
MUST BE KAMUI'S GRAND-FATHER ...
THE "SURPRISE" ...!
THIS IS IT?
LET ME HAVE A LOOK
INDEED, THE SIZE OF IT FITS EXACTLY INTO ANASTASIA'S EASTER EGG!


Time doesn't heal, it teaches you to live with the pain.

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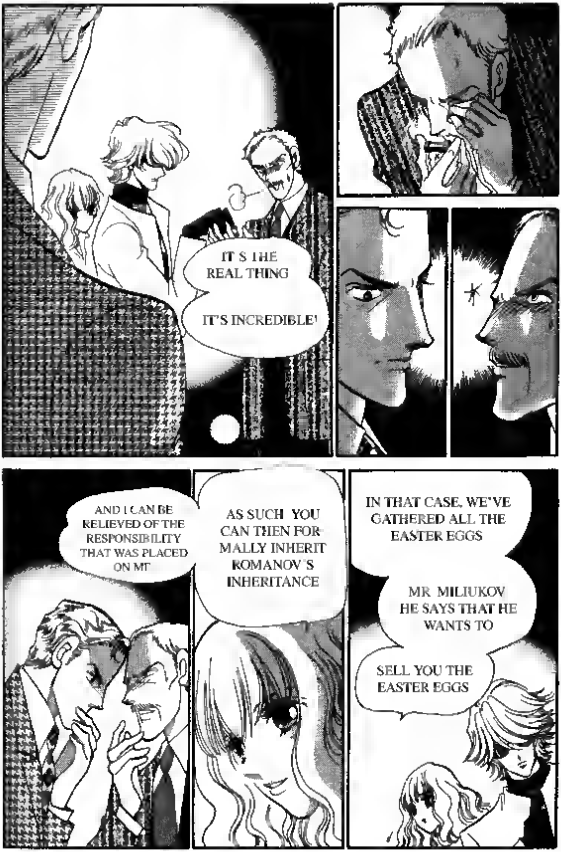
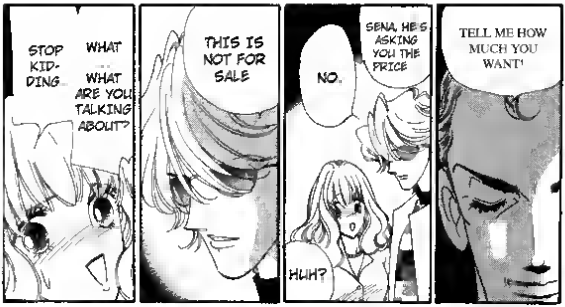
"SHIP" OF THE NIGHT...
SINCE THEN HE HASN'T RETURNED ...
SENA BOARDED THAT SHIP.
DON'T GO!
SENA...

A TELESCOPE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO SEE LAKE BAIKAL...
IN OTHER WORDS...
IS IT THE REAL EASTER EGG OF ALEXIS CZAREVITCH?

DON'T...
かばっ!
IT WAS A DREAM...


IT'S THE REAL THING
IT'S INCREDIBLE!
AND I CAN BE RELIEVED OF THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT WAS PLACED ON ME
AS SUCH YOU CAN THEN FORMALLY INHERIT KOMANOV'S INHERITANCE
IN THAT CASE, WE'VE GATHERED ALL THE EASTER EGGS
MR. MILIUKOV HE SAYS THAT HE WANTS TO
SELL YOU THE EASTER EGGS

HE'S ASKING YOU "HOW'D YOU FIND THE LAST "SURPRISE"?"
PERHAPS COMPARED TO HIM I'M NOT SUCH A BAD GUY
THIS GUY HAS REALLY SURPRISED ME
I NEVER EXPECTED HIM TO BE ABLE TO FIND THE LAST SURPRISE"
OH I SEE CAN HE INTRODUCE ME TO HIM NEXT TIME?
THAT FRIEND OF HIS IS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ANASTASIA CLUB RIGHT?
HIS FRIEND FOUND IT
IT BELONGED TO MY FRIEND
TSUBAKI KAMUI?
I GUESS IT'S PROBABLY THE LITTLE GIRL WITH THE SHARP EXAMINATION SKILLS RIGHT?
SHE'S THE GRAND DAUGHTER OF THE FAMOUS ANTIQUARIAN TSUBAKI JUUGOROU
I NOTICED HER FROM THE VIDEO TAPE THAT MY SECRETARY GAVE ME


STOP KIDDING
WHAT ... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS IS NOT FOR SALE
HUH?
NO.
SENA, HE'S ASKING YOU THE PRICE
TELL ME HOW MUCH YOU WANT!

NOTHING I'M JUST TELLING HIM
WHAT'S WRONG?
QUIT JOKING AROUND
WE'RE ALREADY UP TO THIS STAGE.

THIS IS NOT FOR SALE.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND MY RUSSIAN?
ERIYA MILIUKOV

I USED TO LIVE IN RUSSIA WHEN I WAS YOUNG
AS A RESULT OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SOVIET UNION I MOVED OVER HERE
WHY DID YOU PRETEND NOT TO UNDERSTAND RUSSIAN LAST TIME SENA?
YOU
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
I WANT A DEAL THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE HAD BEFORE.
OF EQUAL WEIGHT
TO YOU, THERE'S NOTHING TO LOSE.

I THINK IT S SMARTER FOR YOU TO TAKE THE MONEY AND GO ...
MILIUKOV?
IT S THAT YOU KNOW TOO MUCH.
IT S NOT THAT I'M NOT WILLING TO PAY THE MONEY.

STEP ASIDE
HOSHI IKATSUCHI OU OTTO.
PLEASE PLEASE LET ME PERSUADE HIM
HOSHI, I'LL BE FINE.
MOVE ASIDE

WHY HAVEN'T THEY RETURNED YET
4 HOURS HAVE PASSED
IDIOT!
THAT'S WHY I TOLD HIM NOT TO GO...

THEY MIGHT'VE RUN INTO SOME TROUBLE!
THEY HAVEN'T COME BACK TO THE HOSTEL YET.
SENA AND HOSHI ARE STILL MISSING
TWO WEEKS!
THIS IS A LEC- TURE ROOM
KAMUI
HA... HA...
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THOSE TWO TO RETURN SINCE THIS MORNING BEFORE I WENT HOME
.....
.....
SENA'S TURNING OVER THE "SUR- PRISE" TO THE MAFIA.
AND YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS?

THEY'VE ELOPED!
IT COULD BE ONE OF THE REASONS...
BUT...
ALTHOUGH I STILL DON'T TRUST THAT WOMAN...
MAYBE HE'S DOING THAT AGAIN...
THAT STUPID GUY HAS BEEN PUTTING ON DISAPPEARING ACTS ALL THIS TIME
MY IMAGINATION IS RUNNING AWAY WITH ME...
NO, URM...
AH... MAYBE HE WENT BACK TO HIS OWN COUNTRY!
HE SAID THAT HIS GRANNY HAD PASSED AWAY...
URM...
MAYBE SHE HAD SOME SECRET AFFAIR WITH SENA AND WAS DISCOVERED...
THAT WOMAN'S THE MISTRESS OF THE MAFIA, RIGHT?
AH...

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I DIDN'T FIND IT ...
THE "SURPRISE" ...
MRS. ANDERSON AND GRANDFATHER ... HAD GONE THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE TO HIDE THE "SURPRISE"
IT MUST BE ... BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT IT TO COME UP INTO THIS AWFUL WORLD ...
A THING FROM THE PAST SHOULD'VE REMAINED IN THE PAST...
WHY DID I EXAMINE IT..
I WAS OVERCONFIDENT
I SHOULD'VE JUST LET THE TRUTH STAYED BURIED FOREVER
THAT'S NOT TRUE!

EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW THE TRUTH
IN ORDER TO BE SURE OF THE TRUTH,
THEY MAY ENCOUNTER OBSTACLES ALONG THE WAY...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAN SAVE THEM, SO AREN'T YOU GREAT IN THAT RESPECT?
UHM, I HAVE A HANDKERCHIEF.
ALL I WANT TO SAY IS...
DO YOU HAVE ANY TISSUES?
UH
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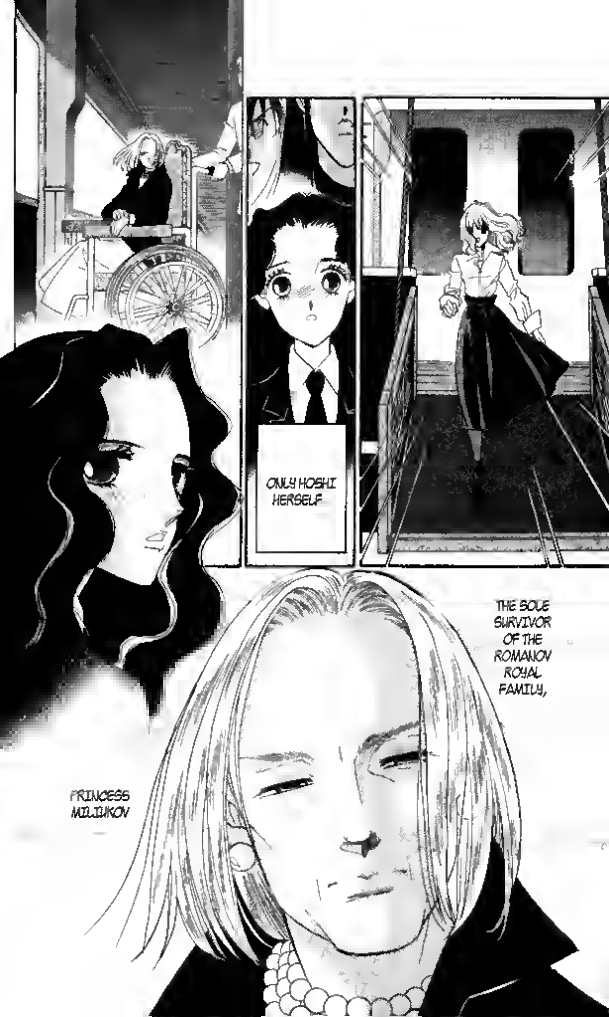
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WOMEN...
SUMI-KUN AND KAMUI!

YOKOHAMA
CHINA TOWN
THEY WANT US TO PICK THEM UP AT YOKOHAMA!
THEY'RE FINE
JUST NOW HOSHI IKATSU-CHI OU OTTO CALLED BACK
THAT WOMAN
BUT WHY IS SHE ASKING US TO COME HERE?
THE RECEPTION WAS VERY BAD AND THE CONVERSATION WAS CUT OFF BEFORE WE HAD A CHANCE TO FINISH IT
DID SHE MEN-TION SEN?

EXCEPT FOR THE SEA
THERE'S NOTHING HERE.
WE BOARDED THE PRINCESS'S SHIP FROM HERE
SENA WAS HERE BEFORE
THERE WAS ALWAYS A SMILE ON SENA'S FACE.. BUT,
HIS EYES ARE NOW ALWAYS FULL OF SORROW
YOU CAN'T REPLACE YOUR GRAND-FATHER.
CAN YOU HELP ME EXAMINE IT..?
HELP ME UNVEIL MY PAST."

UNVEIL HIS PAST"
JUST LIKE THAT TIME-
IT'S THE SHIP THAT PRINCESS MILITKOV BOARDED
HOSHI!


ONLY HOSHI HERSELF
THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF THE ROMANOV ROYAL FAMILY,
PRINCESS MILUKOV

HOW DID HE DIE?
SO THEY'RE BRINGING HIS BODY BACK TO YOKOHAMA ...
THAT HAPPENED IN RUSSIA.
SO MANY COFFINS!
HER SON, MR. MILIUKOV PASSED AWAY IN AN ACCIDENT
LAKE BAIKAL?
QUITE A NUMBER OF HIS FOLLOWERS DIED ALONG WITH HIM TOO.
I HEARD THAT THE SHIP THAT WENT TO LAKE BAIKAL TO DIG FOR NICHOLAS II HAD FAILED.
SENA REALLY TOOK THE "SURPRISE" AND SOLD IT TO MR. MILIUKOV?
IN OTHER WORDS,

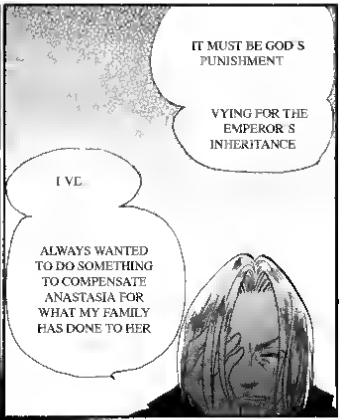
AT THAT TIME ...
MR. MILIUKOV FIRED HIS GUN AT HIS ...
AND THAT'S ALL THAT I REMEMBER.
I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS
IT'S THE FOLLOWERS OF MR. MILIUKOV WHO BROUGHT ME HERE.
WHAT ABOUT SENA?
I DON'T KNOW ....
AT THAT TIME, SENA ...
I DIDN'T KNOW WHY BUT HE REFUSED TO SELL THE "SURPRISE" ...
SENA
WE COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND WHAT'S ON HIS MIND...

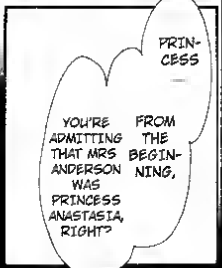
EVEU
NON

THESE GOLD ARE... COINS?
SO THESE ARE THE TREASURES THAT YOU GOT FROM LAKE BAIKAL?
YOU CAN TELL BY THE SMELL?
ARE YOU A DOG?
I CAN STILL SMELL THE GOLD FROM THEM
ALTHOUGH THE SURFACE IS A BIT RUSTY
SEE!
I... I DIDN'T TAKE ANY OF IT!
URM... SORRY
AH..

THE PRINCESS INVITES YOU TO ENTER.
Пожалйста, войДИте,
"SUR-PRISE"

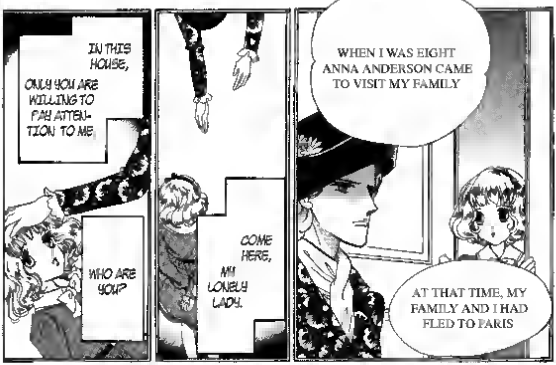
THE COMPLETE SET OF SIX IS HERE,
OF THE ROMANOV ROYAL FAMILY'S EASTER FESTIVAL EGGS.
ALL OF THEM.
THIS IS
I HEARD THAT BY DOING THIS WE'LL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO FORMALLY INHERIT THE ROMANOV FAMILY INHERITANCE.
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY INSTEAD MY SON


IT MUST BE GOD'S PUNISHMENT
VYING FOR THE EMPEROR'S INHERITANCE
I'VE
ALWAYS WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO COMPENSATE ANASTASIA FOR WHAT MY FAMILY HAS DONE TO HER


PRINCESS
YOU'RE ADMITTING THAT MRS ANDERSON WAS PRINCESS ANASTASIA, RIGHT?
FROM THE BEGINNING,

MY MOTHER WAS THE YOUNGEST SISTER OF NICHOLAS II.
I SHARED THE SAME GRAND FATHER AS ANASTASIA. SO WE ARE BOTH DESCENDENTS OF ALEXANDER III

I WAS BORN AFTER THE REVOLUTION. SO I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WHEN ANASTASIA WAS A PRINCESS.


IN THIS HOUSE, ONLY YOU ARE WILLING TO PAY ATTENTION TO ME.
WHO ARE YOU?
COME HERE, MY LONELY LADY.
WHEN I WAS EIGHT ANNA ANDERSON CAME TO VISIT MY FAMILY
AT THAT TIME, MY FAMILY AND I HAD FLED TO PARIS

THAT PAIR OF EYES —
LOOKED JUST LIKE THE PAINTING OF UNCLE, NICHOLAS II

ANASTA-SIA
SHE HAD A PAIR OF ICE BLUE EYES THAT WERE FULL OF DETERMINATION
BUT YET THEY WERE VERY GENTLE

SHE LL BE TREATED AS SOMEONE WHO S IMPERSONATING ANASTASIA
IMPER-SONATING
SHE S NOT ENTITLED TO A SHARE OF THE INHERITANCE
AFTER ALL SHE S KNOWN TO EVERYONE AS A DEAD PERSON
SO LONG AS WE CONTINUE TO IGNORE THAT HERE
AFTER SHE LEFT
MY PARENTS AND RELATIVES
WHO HAD ALWAYS BEEN KIND SEEMED TO HAVE CHANGED AND THEY BEGAN TO SCHEME.
I DON T KNOW WHY BUT I FEEL LIKE CRYING

IT'S JUST LIKE
SEEING A FAMILY WHO HAD BEEN SEPARATED BY THE REVOLUTION
OVER 80 YEARS HAVE PASSED THEY ARE FINALLY REUNITED
SHE'S RIGHT
EMPEROR NICHOLAS II HAD GIVEN TO HIS FAMILY
THE LAST EASTER EGG THAT,
WHEN I LEARNT THAT SENJA HAD SOLD THE EGG TO MR MILIUKOV,
I WAS VERY ANGRY.
BUT THE RESULT OF IT ALLOWED

EASTER EGG OF 2ND DAUGHTER TATIANA
EASTER EGG OF ELDEST DAUGHTER OLGA
EASTER EGG OF 3RD DAUGHTER MARIA
EASTER EGG OF EMPRESS TSARINA
EASTER EGG OF 4TH DAUGHTER ANASTASIA
FINALLY HAVE BEEN REUNITED
THAT'S INCREDIBLE
THE EASTER EGG HAD SLEPT FOR SO LONG AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA THAT IT WAS ALMOST UNRECOGNIZABLE

KAMUI
...
THIS "TATIANA EASTER EGG"
...
SEEMS A BIT WEIRD.
CAN I EXAMINE IT?
THE PRINCESS SAYS, "GO AHEAD".

MOREOVER THE PRODUCTION DATE IS THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE OTHER EGGS
IT TRULY IS AN EASTER EGG OF THE ROYAL FAMILY!
WHAT'S WRONG? THIS HAS BEEN VERIFIED AT THE NEW YORK AUCTION.
BUT IT'S THE REAL THING.
BECAUSE IT'S TOO RUSTY, THE COVER CAN'T BE OPENED.
HOW-EVER ...
THIS ISN'T THE "EASTER EGG OF TATIANA"
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

PERHAPS IT IS THE "TATIANA EASTER EGG", BUT IT SHOULD BE EMPTY INSIDE JUST LIKE THE OTHER EGGS
SO IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING IS INSIDE THE EGG
PROOF IS THAT THIS EASTER EGG IS MUCH HEAVIER THAN THE OTHERS,
AN EXTRA EGG MADE
THERE COULD ALSO BE
I THOUGHT SO TOO
BUT THE RUST HAS SEALED UP THE SLIT
"AN EXTRA EGG MADE"?

I COULD NEVER AFFORD THAT!
WE WOULD OWE ABOUT 10 MILLION YEN
IF IT'S DAMAGED,
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS OK?
...IT'S OPEN!
USE MORE FORCE
WHAT
IS THIS?

SENA?

WHAT'S THIS? IT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE FOOLISH GUY...
WHAT IS SENA TAKUTO DOING INSIDE THE EASTER EGG...
THERE ARE SOME RUSSIAN WORDS WRITTEN ON THE BACK...
IN OTHER WORDS THAT LITTLE BOY IS NICHOLAS II,
THE ONE HUGGING HIM IS THE EMPRESS, MARIA.
THE MAN WHO LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE SENA...
IS THE PREVIOUS EMPEROR ALEXANDER III...
WHY..?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THIS...
"TO MY BELOVED FATHER ALEXANDER III AND MOTHER
YOUR 2ND SON NICHOLAS II "
.....

IT CAN'T BE
IT'S COMING FROM
THE COFFIN
.....
!?
!!

SENA..!!
SENA!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU.. I THOUGHT THAT YOU HAD DIED!
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WHY IS KAMUI HERE TOO..?
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SENA
BUT, THERE WAS—
NO MEALS
I'VE BEEN SLEEPING IN THE COFFIN THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE JOURNEY
FROM LAKE BAIKAL TO YOKO-HAMA
BUT IT WAS FREE
SENA?
SENA! STAY WITH US...
AHHH OH GOD—
...

JUST LIKE WHAT KAMUI HAD IMAG-INED...
"THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS."
AH!
THIS EASTER EGG WAS MADE IN THE SAME YEAR AS THE OTHER EASTER EGGS,
NICHOLAS II WANTED TO GIVE THIS EASTER EGG TO HIS MOTHER, EMPRESS MARIA.
THAT'S WHY THERE'S A SURPRISE PHOTO IN IT.
THE EMPEROR WAS WELL-KNOWN FOR HIS FILIAL PIETY TO HIS MOTHER
THUS IF YOU INCLUDE THE MOTHER OF THE EMPEROR, THAT WILL THEN BE CONSIDERED A "COMPLETE FAMILY".
NOW I UNDERSTAND, THE REASON WHY HE WAS SO ANGRY THAT TIME...

AT THAT TIME
TO MR. MILIUKOV, HE WANTED TO GET HOLD OF THE ROMANOV ROYAL FAMILY INHERITANCE SO MUCH THAT HE WANTED TO USE THE "MOTHER OF THE EMPEROR EASTER EGG" AS THE "TATIANA EASTER EGG"
HE STILL COULDN'T FIND THE "TATIANA EASTER EGG"
AFTER GOING TO ALL LENGTHS TO FIND IT,
HOSHI?!
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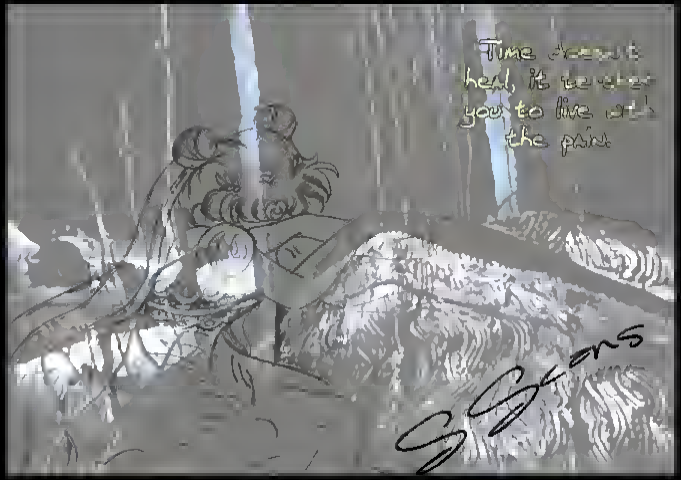
BE MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOURSELF!
IF YOU INVESTIGATE ANY FURTHER I LL KILL YOU!
THAT'S JUST AN EMPTY SHOT SHE JUST MERELY FAINTED
IF YOU KILL ME YOU LL LOSE EVEN MORE!
OH REALLY?
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
HUH?
THE "SURPRISE" FOR THE EMPEROR S SON ALEXIS
HAD THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EMPEROR S SUNKEN TRANSPORTATION SHIP

I CAN GIVE YOU THE "SURPRISE" FREE OF CHARGE.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TO TAKE ME ALONG TO LAKE BAIKAL
SO YOU INTEND TO LET THE ROMANOV FAMILY S INHERITANCE STAY AT THE BOTTOM OF LAKE BAIKAL?
EVEN IF I TELL YOU THAT I CAN TAKE YOU TO THE EXACT LOCATION?
CUT THE CRAP!
WHAT'S YOUR ULTERIOR MOTIVE?

NO ULTERIOR MOTIVE
I JUST WANT TO CONTINUE MY INVESTIGATION
I HAVE NO DESIRE FOR THE SUNKEN TREA SURE OR POWER
I ONLY WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH BEHIND THE EASTER EGGS
THAT S ALL THAT I ASK OF YOU
BECAUSE YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU WANT EITHER WAY
ISN T THAT RIGHT?
YOUR MOTIVE
IS THE "TRUTH ?
WHO ARE YOU?..

THEY REALLY BROUGHT MILIUKOV'S CORPSE AND ME BACK.
JUST LIKE WHAT HE ARRANGED
I WAS TRANS-PORTED BACK TO JAPAN
AFTER MIXING INTO THE PILES OF CORPSES,
THANK YOU! YOU ARE MY SAVIOR.
SENA ...
THE REASON WHY MILI-UKOV LET ME GO WAS BECAUSE HOSHI'S AROUND
IN THE END,
I LEARNT THAT INITIALLY, HE WANTED TO GET RID OF ME AND SOME OF HIS FOLLOWERS
IN HIS WILL,
MILI-UKOV MET WITH AN ACCIDENT ALONG THE WAY AND PASSED AWAY
BUT ...
AND HE ACTUALLY BROUGHT ME TO LAKE BAIKAL TO DIG FOR THE SUNKEN SHIP.
HE SENT A COUPLE OF HIS FIERCE-LOOKING FOL-LOWERS TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME

AS A PART OF THE ROMANOV FAMILY
SENA
SENA TAKUTO
DO YOU WANT TO TEMPORARILY TAKE MY SHIP AND TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD?
I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS
SHE WANTS TO TAKE SENA AWAY?
SENA?


Time doesn't heal, it teaches you to live with the pain.

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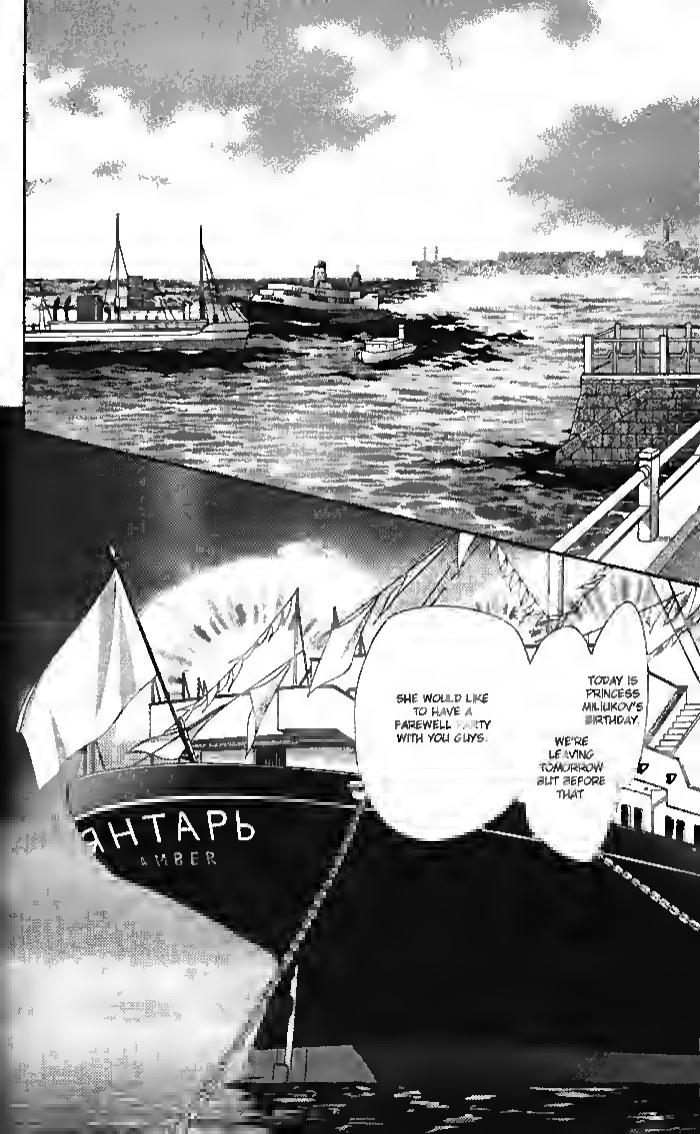
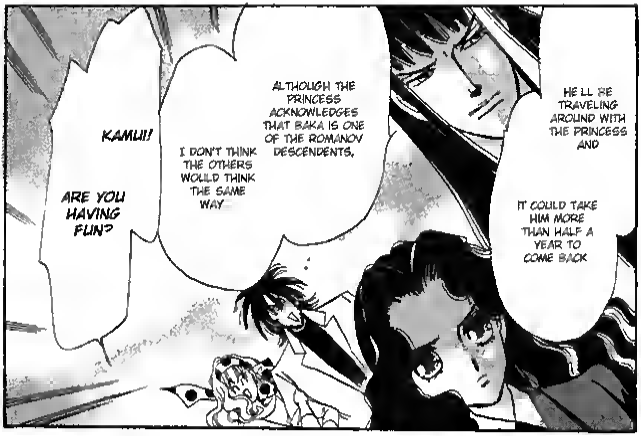
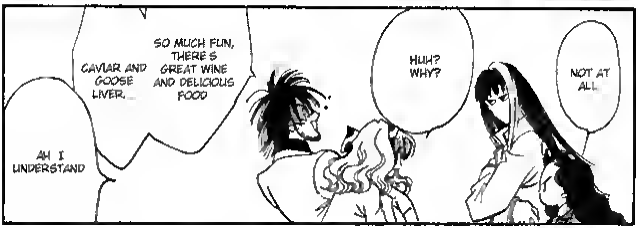
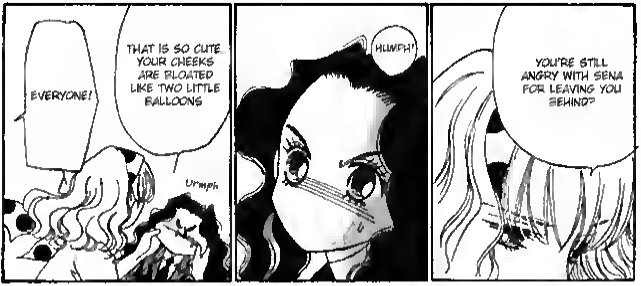
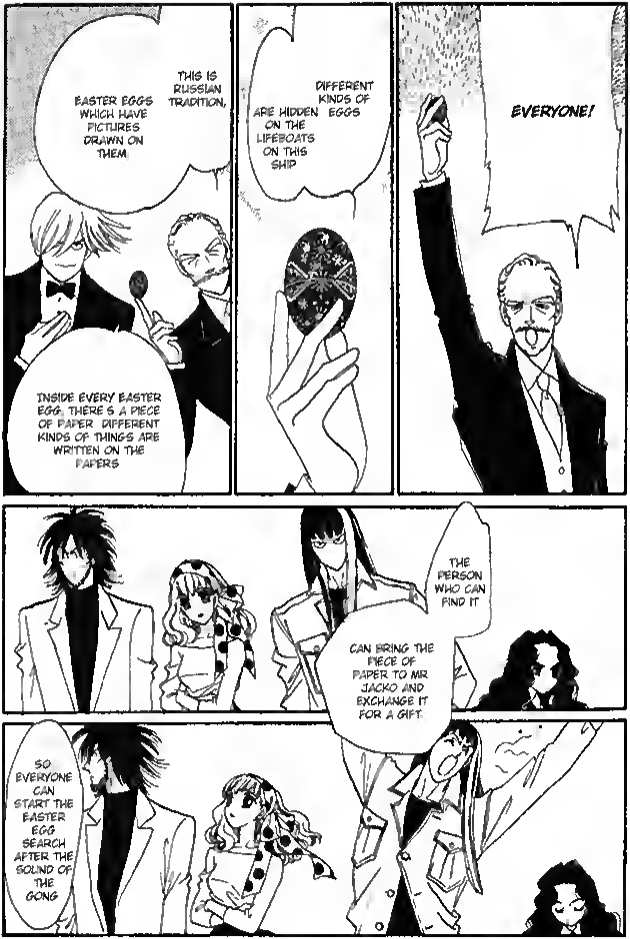

ЯНТАРЬ
AMBER
TODAY IS PRINCESS MILIUKOV'S BIRTHDAY.
SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FAREWELL PARTY WITH YOU GUYS.
WE'RE LEAVING TOMORROW BUT BEFORE THAT

FURTHERMORE EASTER'S COMING SOON,
FOR THE RUSSIANS IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT DAY
PRINCESS WHO VISITS JAPAN QUITE FREQUENTLY
WITH A SMALL TOKEN OF APPRECIATION
WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO HER FRIENDS IN JAPAN
THAT ARROGANT BAKA IS GETTING OUT OF HAND


KAMUI!
ARE YOU HAVING FUN?
I DON'T THINK THE OTHERS WOULD THINK THE SAME WAY
ALTHOUGH THE PRINCESS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT BAKA IS ONE OF THE ROMANOV DESCENDENTS,
HE'LL BE TRAVELING AROUND WITH THE PRINCESS AND
IT COULD TAKE HIM MORE THAN HALF A YEAR TO COME BACK


AH I UNDERSTAND
CAVIAR AND GOOSE LIVER...
SO MUCH FUN, THERE'S GREAT WINE AND DELICIOUS FOOD
HUH? WHY?
NOT AT ALL


EVERYONE!
THAT IS SO CUTE YOUR CHEEKS ARE BLOATED LIKE TWO LITTLE BALLOONS
Urmph
HUMPH!
YOU'RE STILL ANGRY WITH SENA FOR LEAVING YOU BEHIND?

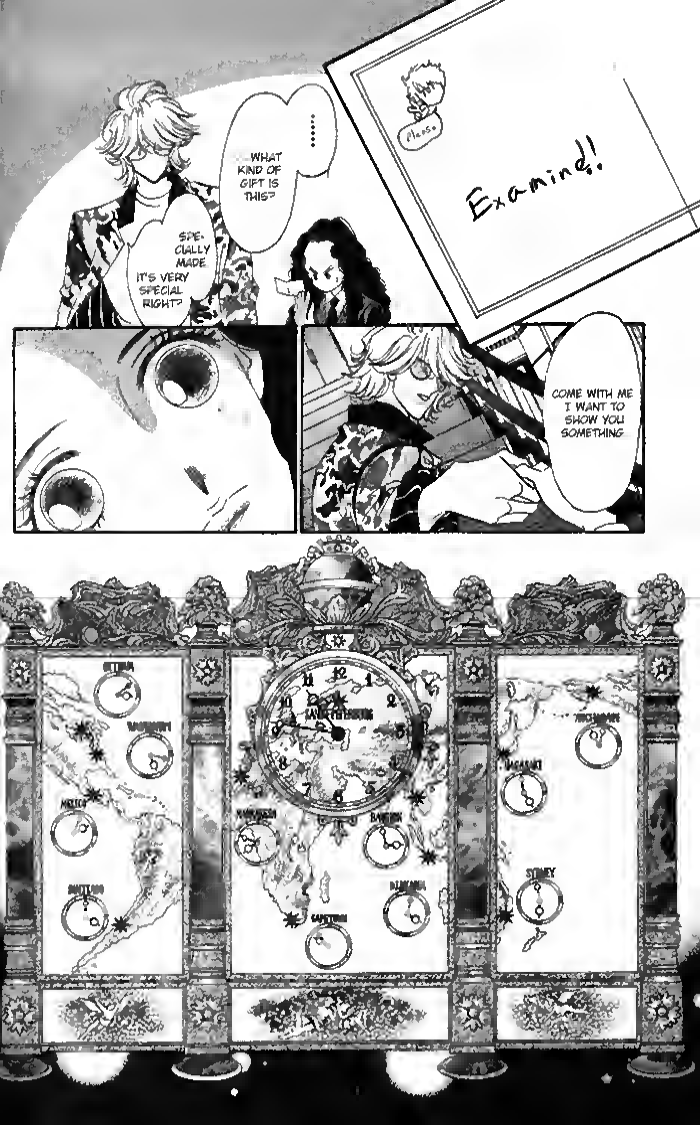

EVERYONE!
DIFFERENT KINDS OF EGGS ARE HIDDEN ON THE LIFEBOATS ON THIS SHIP
THIS IS RUSSIAN TRADITION.
EASTER EGGS WHICH HAVE PICTURES DRAWN ON THEM.
INSIDE EVERY EASTER EGG, THERE'S A PIECE OF PAPER. DIFFERENT KINDS OF THINGS ARE WRITTEN ON THE PAPERS
THE PERSON WHO CAN FIND IT
CAN BRING THE PIECE OF PAPER TO MR. JACKO AND EXCHANGE IT FOR A GIFT.
SO EVERYONE CAN START THE EASTER EGG SEARCH AFTER THE SOUND OF THE GONG

BEGIN NOW!
HERE, HERE---
I GOT IT! FOUND IT!

CHAIN!
A CAN OF CRAB MEAT...
Наручные часы
WATCH!
FOUND IT---
ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS
WE'LL PLAY
NO I CAN'T DO THAT
YOU MAY HAVE IT...

I WON
YOU WERE SLOWER BY ONE BEAT
PAPER!
PAPER
GOLD COINS.
ЗÓЛО
I GOT IT!

AREN'T YOU GOING TO SEARCH FOR THE "EASTER EGG"?
IN THAT CASE
I'LL GIVE YOU MINE!
THIS IS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE OF THE HOST


Examine!
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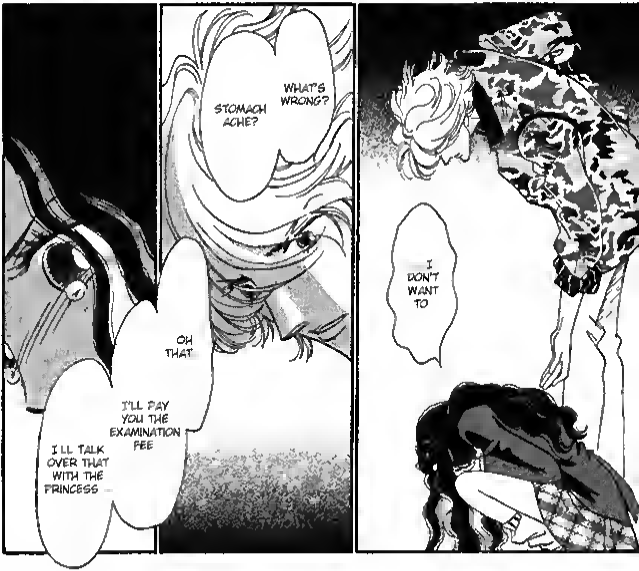
WHAT KIND OF GIFT IS THIS?
SPECIALLY MADE
IT'S VERY SPECIAL RIGHT?
COME WITH ME I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING
SITTIUS
MERCURY
MARTE
SAGITTARIUS
JUPITER
SATURNUS
CAPRICORNUS
AQUARIUS
PISCES
ARIETIS
TAURUS
GEMINI
CANCER
LEO
VIRGO
LIBRA
SCORPIO
OPHIUCHUS
SAGITTARIUS
STONEY

SUCH A WEIRD LOOKING CLOCK.
THIS IS THE WORLD CLOCK OF THE ROMANOV ROYAL FAMILY
YOU CAN TELL WHAT TIME IT IS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD ALL AT THE SAME TIME. PRINCESS MILUKOV FOUND THIS NOT LONG AGO
SEEMS LIKE WHEN NICHOLAS WAS STILL A PRINCE BACK THEN
WHEN HIS FATHER ALEXANDER III TRAVELED AROUND THE WORLD HE GAVE HIM THIS
LOOK, THIS IS THE TIME WHEN HE BEEN TO JAPAN
THIS IS SAKI TIME
THE CLOCKS WERE BASED ON THE PLACES WHERE THE EMPEROR HAD BEEN
.....

AFTER NICHOLAS BECAME THE EMPEROR, HE PLACED THIS IN HIS CHILDREN'S ROOM.
BUT... A YEAR BEFORE THE REVOLUTION
NICHOLAS BOARDED THE SHIP AND TRAVELED OVERSEAS
SINCE THEN---
THESE CLOCKS HAD STOPPED FUNCTIONING.
THE SMELL FROM SENA...
SEN A'S GOING AWAY TOO.
TOMORROW...
SO...?

BEFORE WE GO BACK,
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO EXAMINE IT TO SEE IF THIS IS THE REAL THING
KAMUI?
THE PRINCESS ASKED THE WATCH REPAIRMAN TO REPAIR THIS
BUT THEY COULDN'T PINPOINT THE FAULT
SO?


WHAT'S WRONG?
STOMACH ACHE?
OH THAT
I'LL PAY YOU THE EXAMINATION FEE
I'LL TALK OVER THAT WITH THE PRINCESS
I DON'T WANT TO

YOU'RE ALREADY LEAVING JAPAN,
WHY DO YOU STILL WANT ME TO RACK MY BRAINS TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.
I DON'T WANT TO!
OUCH!
WHY?
WHY ARE YOU STILL ASKING ME TO DO SUCH THING?
AND YET YOU CAN LEAVE JUST LIKE THAT...
I DON'T WANT TO MEANS I DON'T WANT TO!
KAMI...
URGH .....

I HATE YOU SENA!

SENA?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
PROFESSOR DEDUCED THAT BASED ON THE "ANTIQUARIAN VERIFICATION HANDBOOK".
THIS IS THE 1903 NICHOLAS GOLD COIN WHICH WE FOUND IN LAKE BAIKAL NOT LONG AGO
NOT AT ALL
THAT'S GREAT!
LOOK I GOT A GOLD COIN
KAMUI CHARACTER'S ALSO VERY EASILY UNDERSTOOD!
I LIKE YOUR FRANK CHARACTER.
HOSHI.
CAN'T THE PRINCESS BRING ME ALONG? I AM VERY HELPFUL.
SIGH --- I WANT MONEY
SHE LIKES SENA, RIGHT?

...
NOT AT ALL.
WHEN JAPAN HITS 12 O'CLOCK,
NAGASAKI
RUSSIA IS...
!

DON'T TAKE UP THE BAKA'S OFFER!
DON'T HELP HIM TO EXAMINE THE CLOCK!
SUMI-KUN...
I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO LEAVE AND...
I CAME HERE TO LOOK FOR THE EASTER EGG.
YOU EAVES-DROPPED ON OUR CONVER-SATION?
THAT'S THE PART THAT YOU'RE FRANK ABOUT!
I'M REFLECTING ON MY ATTITUDE
I SHOULD TREAT IT AS A FAREWELL GIFT FOR HIM...BUT I ACTED LIKE A KID AND STARTED THROWING TANTRUM...
BUT THIS IS THE LAST DEAL FROM SENA.

.....
THANK YOU
IS THAT SO?
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO SAYS SO
BUT --
SUMI-KUN IS A LITTLE BIT STRANGE
I USED
TO LEARN HOW TO REPAIR ANTIQUE CLOCKS FROM MY GRANDFATHER
FROM THE INNER PARTS, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND THE CAUSE OF THE FAULT.
THIS CLOCK IS VERY STRANGE TOO
WHAT THE

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SUMI-KUN.
HA!...
EVEN THIS PLACE THERE'S ALSO...?
RELAX WE CAN SPLIT IT
THERE'S ONE FOR EACH OF US
OH HEY! THIS BOOK HAS A LOT OF GREAT INFORMATION ON ANTIQUES!
HUH...
THIS CLOCK,
I THINK I SAW IT SOMEWHERE HERE...
NO
IT'S A BAD SIGN!

IT'S OVER---
THE EASTER EGG GAME IS OVER------!
THOSE WHO HAVE NOT CLAIMED THEIR GIFTS,
PLEASE COME OVER TO EXCHANGE YOUR EGG FOR IT.
THIS CLOCK,
RUMOR HAS IT THAT PRIEST RASPUTIN PLACED A CURSE ON THIS CLOCK,
AND HIS PURPOSE WAS TO ELIMINATE THE ROMANOV EMPIRE
--- RASPUTIN CURED ALEXIS CZAREVITCH'S ILLNESS WITH HIS PRAYERS
SO EMPEROR NICHOLAS AND
HIS WIFE CAME TO TREAT HIM WITH GREAT RESPECT
THE COUPLE LISTENED TO EVERY WORD HE SAID

"BUT RASPUTIN WHO HAS THE ABILITY TO CREATE MIRACLES AND HAD PREMONITIONS OF GOOD AND BAD EVENTS GRADUALLY CAME TO BE FEARED BY EVERYBODY...
BEFORE HIS DEATH HE PREDICTED THAT THE ROMANOV EMPIRE WILL BE ELIMINATED SOON---"
"RASPUTIN PLACED A CURSE ON THIS CLOCK AND AFTER HE HAD BEEN EXECUTED IN 1916
IT HAD STOPPED FUNCTIONING SINCE THEN..."
"CURSE"
HOW COULD HE ASK YOU TO EXAMINE THIS CURSED CLOCK...
THAT BAKA...!
I WILL NOT FORGIVE HIM.

BOTH THEIR EASTER EGGS HAD THE SAME CARD
поцелуй
поцелуй
WHAT DID IT SAY?
I'M JACKO IN CHARGE OF GIFT EXCHANGE
WHERE ARE YOUR EASTER EGGS?
UHM...
HOLD ON A SECOND
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

UHMPH?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING
Give it to me.
THE PRINCESS'S GIFT IS --
"KISS"
THIS... THIS WOMAN
HOW CAN YOU DO THIS IN FRONT OF KAMUI...
Kekekeke It's fun

SO
THEN KAMUI ALSO...?
"Kiss"---
LET ME PRESENT THE PRINCESS AND GIVE YOU--- THE GIFT.

YOU WANT TO "KISS" HERE?
NO WAY!
"KISS.."
I WANT TO LEAVE SOMETHING ON SENA'S BODY...
IT'S JUST A LIGHT KISS ON HER FOREHEAD
WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE
PRINCESS~~~
"GOING
"COULDN'T SEE EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE."

Forget
Kamui's mark
I WANT YOU TO
REMEMBER ME
FOREVER

KAMUI...?

AH.....
PERHAPS.
HUH?

I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOK...!
PERHAPS ROMANOV'S WORLD CLOCK IS ALSO....
SHUSH...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
KAMUI?
WHAT DID SHE THINK OF?
WHAT HAP-PENED?

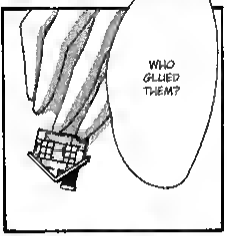
---I WAS RIGHT.
THIS REALLY IS ROMANOV'S CLOCK.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I THINK THAT

IF MY GUESS IS CORRECT
THE EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT THIS IS THE REAL CLOCK
SHOULD BE THE REASON FOR CAUSING THE CLOCK TO STOP MOVING
DEFINITELY NOT
RASPUTIN'S CURSE...
JUST A LITTLE REPAIR WORK AND THIS CLOCK WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION
BUT
WE NEED TO CHANGE SOME PARTS OF THIS CLOCK.
CAN WE DO THAT?
YES

PLEASE LOOK, ALL CLOCKS ON THIS MAP ARE WRONG
PERHAPS YOU GUYS WON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING
FOR ME.
THE FIRST THING THAT I NOTICED IS
THIS AND THIS
ON RUSSIA
THE LONG AND SHORT HANDS OF THE CLOCK
WILL PASS BY THESE TWO HOUSES ---
EVERYONE PLEASE FOLLOW CLOSELY

THESE TWO PICTURES
WERE PASTED ON THE MAP AT A LATER TIME...
THIS WAY THE CLOCK SHOULD BE ABLE TO FUNCTION...
IT'S MOVING
IT'S NOT A CURSE OR WHAT THE CLOCKS ARE JUST STUCK BY 2 PICTURES
THAT'S WHY THEY COULDN'T MOVE

PICTURES---
IT ALSO MOVE AS ONE.
THIS CLOCK IS NOT ONLY A DEDICATED PIECE OF WORK
THE REST OF THE CLOCKS WILL NOT MOVE EITHER
RUSSIA IS AT THE CENTER OF THE MAP AND IF THIS CLOCK WON'T MOVE


WHO GLUED THEM?

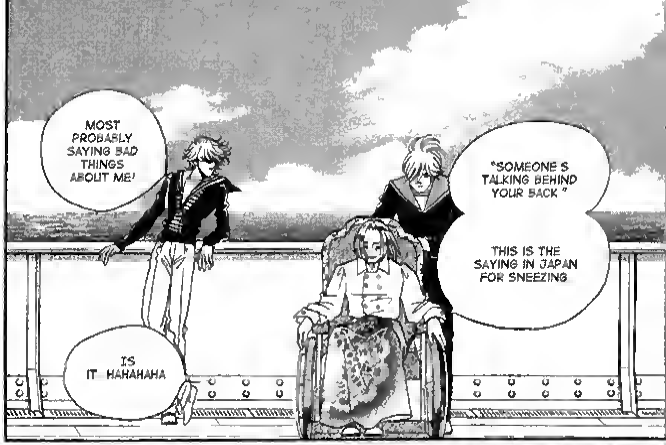
BESIDES THE EMPEROR'S CHILDREN THERE SHOULD BE NO ONE ELSE
WELL MY GUESS IS THAT
THE PERSON WHO WOULD EVEN DARE TO GLUE SOMETHING ON THE EMPEROR'S CHERISHED CLOCK
AND NOT BE AFRAID TO GET SCOLDED---

I THINK SHOULD BE THE EMPEROR'S MANSIONS RIGHT?
THE PLACES WHERE THE MANSIONS WERE FASTED ON
THAT'S RIGHT
BEFORE THE CLOCK STOPPED FUNCTIONING
IT WAS PLACED IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM
THERE WERE 5 CHILDREN, AND THE ONE WHO'S GOOD AT DRAWING AND LOVED TO PLAY TRICKS ON OTHERS WAS ANASTASIA
ONE DAY
THE CLOCK WAS MOVED TO THE SHIP FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM.
AT THAT TIME
THE EMPEROR WANTED TO TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD ON THE SHIP AGAIN
WHEN THE CHILDREN FOUND OUT

"FATHER'S FAVORITE..."
"GOING OVER-SEAS AGAIN"
"WISH THAT HE'LL THINK OF US WHEN HE'S TRAVELING ON THE SEA..."
"HE'LL THINK OF WHAT TIME IT IS AT RUSSIA,
AND WHAT IS MY FAMILY DOING."
"EVERY TIME HE LOOKS AT THE CLOCK"

NO MATTER HOW FAR APART WE ARE, WE'LL NEVER BE FOR GOTTEN

THE SHIP HAS FINALLY DEPARTED
SENA LOOKS AS IF HE'S GOING TO CRY
NO WAY!
HE'S SMILING TO ME WHEN HE WAVED.
HE SEEMED VERY HAPPY TO ME
THAT'S THE GUY HE IS
THAT BAKA
HOOO!


MOST PROBABLY SAYING BAD THINGS ABOUT ME!
"SOMEONE S TALKING BEHIND YOUR BACK "
THIS IS THE SAYING IN JAPAN FOR SNEEZING
IS IT HAHAHAHA

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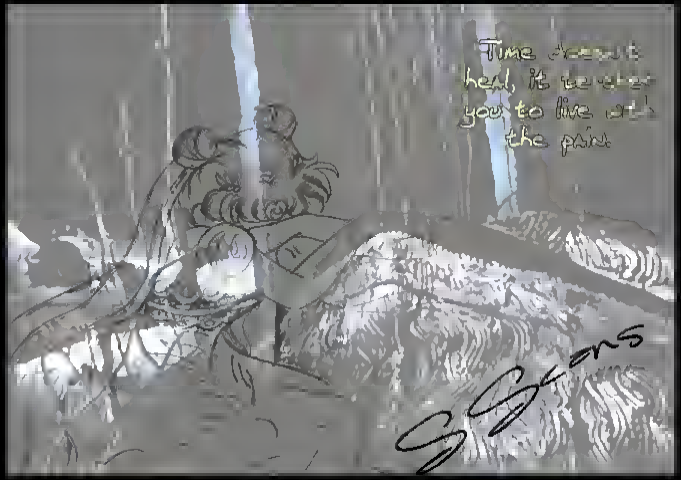
Time doesn't heal, it teaches you to live with the pain.